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Meir: Israel's flexibility has a limit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir warned an audience of the Hadassah Midwinter Conference last night that there is a limit to Israel's flexibility, a point at which Israel will not yield to the advice of her friends. She said that no government elected by the people of Israel would ever settle for a mere five years of no war, instead of a genuine peace agreement.

Speaking at a banquet in her honour at the *Knesset*, she voiced fears that the glorification of war by Egypt's President Sadat would make it difficult for him to control the war hysteria in his country indefinitely.

"We asked a simple question of Dr. Jarring," she said. "When we have cleared all outstanding questions with Egypt, assuming we can do so, will they sign a genuine peace agreement with us — an end to war, belligerency, boycotts, threats of war?" Dr. Jarring thought that this was a very fair question — so did all our friends, who had been urging us to be more flexible. The U.N. envoy said he would put it to Egypt. What exactly the Egyptians replied we don't know — it's a secret in this era of quiet diplomacy — they only made some answer to every member of the Security Council and some newspapers. But they don't seem to have heard our question at all."

Speaking of the way in which the Jarring mission was working, she said that such a method of negotiating peace had never been tried in history — "Tekoah goes in, Zayyat comes out; Tekoah goes in again, he comes out, Zayyat goes in. Meanwhile, President Sadat warns us that he has to go to war. First it's February 5, then he is very kind, he gives us another 30 days, he even remembers that February has only 28 days, so he kindly gives us till March 7."

Although she saw little hope that such methods would lead to peace, Mrs. Meir said Israel would continue to try, would show patience, and even flexibility — but would never accept anything short of real peace.

She quoted the words of a young Russian who has just arrived from Moscow, after being five years in Siberia: "We are not afraid." She told her audience: "We in Israel are not afraid, either — don't you be afraid."

Jarring not seen as mediator—Eban

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban last night aired Israel's reservations about any new initiative adopted by U.N. Middle-East Ambassador Gunnar Jarring. The Swedish diplomat was yesterday reported to have assumed the role of "mediator" by submitting his own proposals for a territorial settlement (see adjacent column).

The Foreign Minister put Israel's friendship with the U.S. at the top of foreign policy priorities, and held that since June, 1967, the two countries shared three basic policy principles from which the U.S. had not shifted: No withdrawal until peace, agreement between the sides instead of an imposed solution, and that Israel must remain strong. With regard to the latter, he pointed to the unprecedented $800m. in aid extended by the U.S. to Israel.

The rest of the Central Committee meeting was devoted to electing 137 members of the Steering Committee of the Party Convention, due to meet in April. It also endorsed the scheme to enable the election of 20-30 Arab and Druse delegates — a new departure for the Labour Party. It was explained that as the registration of Druse and Arab members will only end by mid-March, special arrangements are being made for their election later that month.

Mr. Eban was presenting a political survey to the Labour Party Central Committee here, when he declared that the Jarring mission had survived for three years — "which is truly an achievement in itself" — because Dr. Jarring succeeded in preserving the sides' confidence in him by developing a special technique.

'AGREEMENT' KEY WORD

The Foreign Minister stressed that the key word in the Jarring mission's terms of authorization was "agreement," and noted that the mission was anchored in the 1967 Security Council Resolution 242. He spoke of "there being two Jarrings — one that has become a sort of legend, and another of flesh and blood" — and proceeded to say that "the word 'agreement' contains there conceptions of peace, sovereignty and security."

He also declared that "there is no contradiction between examining the possibilities of an overall settlement and searching for partial arrangements within the cease-fire agreement," and went on to speak of prospects of opening the Suez Canal on the basis of "legality and equality."

The Foreign Minister said the Egyptians could improve the atmosphere by doing away with the March 7 deadline, by responding to Israel's peace proposals, and by opening the Suez Canal along the lines of the Premier's Knesset speech on Tuesday. He said March 7 is an artifical date. Military and political conditions will not change by then, he said.

The Foreign Minister said that he hoped that the Egyptians would once more find suitable reasons for not renewing warfare. The main reason for their not renewing the battles this month was their evaluation of Israel's strength.

No U.N. comment on reports of 'Jarring plan'

UNITED NATIONS (INA). — A United Nations spokesman refused to confirm or deny yesterday published reports in Israel and London that Middle East peace intermediary Gunnar Jarring was about to try to break the Arab-Israel diplomatic deadlock by submitting a peace plan of his own.

The spokesman repeatedly fended off newsmen's questions on the reported development by reiterating that he never commented on Dr. Jarring's specific activities. He declined also to confirm whether under the provisions of Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22 1967, Dr. Jarring is in fact empowered to make proposals. He noted that under the resolution Dr. Jarring is "a special representative" who is to "establish and maintain contact with the states concerned in order to promote agreement and assist efforts to achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement."

The spokesman refused to elaborate, even when at one point a reporter asked whether the terms of the resolution made Dr. Jarring a "promoter." The spokesman confirmed, however, that Dr. Jarring had stated last August that he did not consider himself a "mediator," a term that suggest merely a go-between and not an initiator of proposals.

Tekoah sees Thant about Soviet Jewry

By ERWIN FRENKEL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Israel's Ambassador to the U.N. Yosef Tekoah yesterday met with U.N. Secretary-General U Thant to discuss the plight of Soviet Jewry. After the meeting, Mr. Tekoah told reporters that he submitted to the Secretary letters from hundreds of Soviet Jews asking to be allowed to immigrate to Israel.

Mr. Tekoah also said that he reviewed with Mr. Thant recent developments in the Middle East situation, but he declined to elaborate.

Israeli sources here also declined to discuss press reports that in his meeting with Mr. Tekoah on Monday U.N. mediator Gunnar Jarring requested Israel's territorial views regarding Sinai and Sharm e-Sheikh.

Mr. Thant was later to meet with Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad el-Farra and Lebanese Ambassador Edouard Ghorra.

No Jerusalem comment on 'Jarring plan'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Tight-lipped Foreign Ministry officials last night refused any comment on a press report that Dr. Gunnar Jarring had submitted to the governments of Israel and Egypt a set of substantive proposals for a peace settlement between the two countries.

According to a report by Philippe Ben, the U.N. correspondent of "Le Monde" (Paris) and "Ma'ariv," U Thant's "special representative" to the Middle East has recently suggested to the two parties, as a basis for negotiations, the conclusion of an agreement in which Egypt would recognize Israel as a sovereign state, in return for Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1948 *international boundary in Sinai.*

However, the alleged Jarring plan also provides for Israel control of the Gaza Strip, occupied by Egypt in the war of 1948, and for the posting of a U.N. armed guard at Sharm e-Sheikh to assure freedom of navigation through the Straits of Tiran.

REJECTION SEEN

U.N. diplomatic circles, cited by *Mr. Ben, have voiced the opinion* that Dr. Jarring's proposals — his first substantive plan — if genuine would be knocked down by both Israel and Egypt, but might be accepted as an agenda for discussions once the 30-day non-firing period set by President Sadat was extended.

One of Cairo's main reasons for rejecting the plan would supposedly be the attempted separation of a settlement between Israel and Egypt from any agreement that might be reached between Israel and her other Arab neighbours.

Israel's expected opposition to any such scheme would be based primarily on the understanding of Dr. Jarring's mandate being, in the words of the Security Council's November resolution, "to promote agreement for the establishment of a just and lasting peace" between Israel and her neighbours, rather than to act as mediator offering substantive solutions of his own for the parties' consideration.

REPLIES AWAITED

Sources in Jerusalem pointed out last night that the Government was still awaiting replies from Cairo and Amman to the notes sent to them through Dr. Jarring. Until these will have been received, and the governments of Israel's two chief neighbours stopped hiding behind vague talk of "peace" and recognition of the rights of "all states in the area," sources reiterated, there was no question of Israel consenting to discuss any territorial issues with the Arab states.

The reported new Jarring initiative is said to have followed recent urgings by U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers and his Mideast aide Joseph Sisco to take a more active role in the solution of the Arab-Israel dispute.

At U.N. headquarters, the assumption until recently has been that Dr. Jarring would not assume any such new role without the prior consent of the parties.

SALAM SEES SOVIET AND U.S. ENVOYS

BEIRUT (UPI). — Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salam held separate talks yesterday with the American and Soviet Ambassadors in Beirut, official sources said.

They said Salam conferred at noon yesterday with Soviet Ambassador Sarvar Azimov, and discussed developments in the Middle East.

Later he had a working luncheon with American Ambassador William Buffum, the officials said. They did not say what was discussed.

SUDAN GOVERNMENT IN URGENT TALKS

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Sudan's ruling Revolutionary Command Council was yesterday summoned to an emergency session. It met for ten hours and is to convene again this morning.

While declining to disclose the motives behind the surprise meeting, Sudan's Minister of National Guidance, Omar el-Haj Mousa, said last night that the Head of State, Maj.-Gen Ja'afar e-Numeiri, was due to make "an important statement within 48 hours." Numeiri himself had recently been reported to be suffering from an undisclosed illness.

HADASSAH

THE keynote address by Hadassah President Faye Schenk to that organization's Midwinter Conference now being held in Jerusalem highlighted the new attitudes that have been adopted by Hadassah and indeed in the Diaspora generally. When the former Hadassah President, Charlotte Jacobson, spoke at the 1968 Conference about Hadassah increasing its interest in *aliya*, many of her audience were perceptibly surprised, even shocked, as for many years this subject had been almost taboo among leaders of Jewish American organizations.

Now Mrs. Schenk has spoken at length and with pride about a Hadassah settlement nucleus that has come to Israel to settle at Neve Ilan, near Jerusalem, in a novel form of kibbutz: two other groups have been formed in America to follow the first. So many other Hadassah members have immigrated in the last two years that a special association has been formed by them.

Hadassah is the largest and probably the best organized Zionist body in the world. Its contributions to Zionism have taken many forms, both practical and political. But there was a period in the 'fifties and 'sixties when polemics about what is a Zionist seemed to create splits and frictions between Israel and the Diaspora. This came to an end in 1967, when Jews, both in Israel and abroad, realized that in the last resort they might stand alone. Mrs. Schenk's vigorous endorsement of the Jerusalem Programme reflected the new, self-confident mood of Zionism.

It is very encouraging for Israel to know that the formidable organizing genius and discipline of Hadassah will now be devoted solidly to promoting the full Zionist programme.

During the present Conference several notable advances in Hadassah's work have been recorded. Great progress has been made in the work on the new cancer institute, which will ultimately be comparable to any such institute in the world. The increasing sophistication of equipment used to fight cancer has sent the cost of building such an institute soaring: the present estimate is that it will reach IL23m. For the first time, Hadassah is going into partnership with an Israeli committee in a project: this committee, headed by former Chief Justice Olshan, has undertaken to raise IL8m., and has already received cash and pledges for IL5m. from Israeli industrialists, commercial firms and kibbutzim.

Research grants to medical scientists have been drastically curtailed in recent years, as accumulated American Government "soft currency" funds in Israel were depleted, and Hadassah has therefore undertaken to establish a special $1m. research fund. On the other hand, recognition by the U.S. Government of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre's high reputation led it to make a grant to Hadassah of $4.8m.

Israelis will also follow with interest the fate of the new community college, established on the lines of American junior colleges.

Three photographers were among those reported missing in Laos on Wednesday following a helicopter crash. From left: Henry Huet of the Associated Press; Larry Burrows of "Life" magazine; and Ken Porter of United Press International. (AP radiophoto)

Drive into Laos directed at big N. Vietnam arms cache

KHE SANH, South Vietnam (Reuter). — South Vietnamese infantrymen pushed into a broad Laotian valley yesterday expecting to unearth the largest North Vietnamese supply dump so far in their four-day attack on the Ho Chi Minh trail.

U.S. helicopter pilots spotted the cache area early yesterday morning and estimated it was 2 kms. across. Field reports said large fuel and ammunition explosions were set off by air strikes late yesterday as the South Vietnamese force moved down in search of the supply dump. Military sources said at least four trucks loaded with artillery ammunition had been found elsewhere.

North Vietnamese anti-aircraft guns defending the trail area have taking a heavy toll of U.S. and South Vietnamese helicopters. One pilot said 40 helicopters were shot down on both sides of the border in the four days since the operation began, but these reports could not be officially confirmed.

According to U.S. helicopter pilots, they were flying so wildly to dodge the fire that South Vietnamese officers riding in the craft were sometimes too airsick to coordinate ground fire and air strikes.

The anti-aircraft defences of the Ho Chi Minh trail include large numbers of 37-mm. guns which fire explosive projectiles and are not used by North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam.

There are some reports that even larger anti-aircraft weapons are being used but details were not available.

PENETRATE 45 KM.

South Vietnamese troops have penetrated up to 45 km. into Laos and according to military sources are operating north and south of the ruined town of Tchepone, which some sources believe is the nerve centre for movement on the Ho Chi Minh trail.

Communist gunners yesterday fired two rockets inside the city limits of Phnom Penh — the second time the Cambodian capital has been hit by rocket fire since the beginning of the war.

A Cambodian spokesman said last night the two rockets, one a Soviet-made 122mm. missiles, landed near the old municipal stadium, causing no casualties or damage.

The only other time rockets landed within the city limits was during the January 22 attack on Phnom Penh's Ochentong airport.

Communist gunners yesterday also opened fire on a naval base and training centre close to Phnom Penh. The sound of explosions could be clearly heard in the capital, but the spokesman said no damage or casualties were reported.

Ten 122-mm. rockets also hit Kompong Cham, 80 kms. north-east of Phnom Penh, early yesterday. Here too no damage was reported.

Two American Huey helicopters were shot down yesterday in a North Vietnamese sanctuary known as the rockpile which is 10 kms south of the demilitarized zone.

U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam signs the treaty to ban nuclear arms from the ocean floor in Moscow yesterday. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko is at centre (story on Page 2). (AP radiophoto)

Croats free hostages after plea from comrade

GOTEBORG, Sweden. — Two Croatian nationalists, who occupied the Yugoslav Consulate here for 24 hours and threatened to kill their three hostages, gave up without a fight yesterday after an appeal by the Croatian terrorist they were trying to free with their action.

Ivan Vugicevic, 22, and Blago Mikolic, 26, said they would shoot the three Yugoslavs they were holding unless President Josip Broz Tito released Miljenko Hrkac, a *22-year-old locksmith sentenced to* death for terror bombings in Belgrade. The Yugoslav Government refused.

Early yesterday the Goteborg police relayed an appeal from Hrkac to the two Croatians urging them not to kill anybody.

Then at 9.30 a.m. Vugicevic and Mikolic opened the consulate door for two police officials, handed over their loaded guns and released their hostages unharmed.

"We believe the appeal from Hrkac made them give up," said Bengt Erlandsson, Goteborg deputy police chief, who led the massive police action to save the hostages.

Croatian sources here were quoted as saying the consulate had been taken over after a group of extremists failed in an attempt to kidnap the consul, Ljubomir Ivancovic, early Wednesday morning. The group went to his home but he was out, the sources said.

Newspapers also quoted the sources as saying that many Croats among Sweden's 30,000 Yugoslav immigrants were being persecuted by agents recruited by their embassy in Stockholm and the consulate here.

They added that the consulate incident was only the first of a series of reprisals aimed at the Yugoslav authorities. *(UPI, Reuter)*

Jordan forces crack down on terrorists

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Sporadic shooting was reported last night from Amman, which was the scene earlier in the day of what appeared to be another lightning crackdown by government forces on a major terrorist stronghold in the Jordanian capital.

The Government and the terrorists issued conflicting statements on yesterday's clashes, the first since last month's six-day confrontation.

The terrorist spokesmen in Beirut claimed that a 600-man-strong Jordanian security force backed by tanks and artillery attacked their positions at the Hamlan quarter south of the Marka suburb near Amman's airport. The terrorists said their men distributed arms among their militiamen "to protect the population after many casualties had been inflicted on them."

There had been no confirmation to the terrorist claims from any other source, although they were prominently featured by most of the Arab radios and the news agencies.

Reporting from both sides last night, Beirut Radio reported that Amman airport had been closed *down for some* time during the day, although an earlier report of suspension of flights there had been denied by an official Jordanian spokesman.

The Jordanian authorities said they rounded up an undisclosed number of terrorists in one of Amman's main quarters following an attempt to take over a police centre there.

A spokesman for the Jordanian Interior Ministry was quoted by Amman Radio as saying that the crackdown came after a crowd of armed men massed near the police station in the Hamlan quarter on Wednesday night, preparing to attack it. The spokesman said that the same vicinity was the target of several shooting incidents during last week's Moslem feast, Id al-Adha. Noting that the local police station commander had been seriously wounded, the spokesman said that the security forces were holding fire because of the holiday.

He added that clashes nevertheless occurred, with the terrorists massing several men after firing on a security patrol Wednesday evening.

The security forces moved into the area yesterday morning, arresting several men and seizing a large quantity of heavy arms, explosives and rockets, the spokesman said. He added that the men detained would be referred to the appropriate authorities for trial.

2 more anti-U.S. bombs in Turkey

ANKARA, (AP) — A bomb exploded at the Turkish-American Association last night as the current wave of anti-American violence continued in Turkey. Another bomb went off in the South Vietnamese Embassy. Neither bomb caused any injuries.

Police said a dynamite bomb exploded in a second floor men's room at the Turkish-American Association, while 600-700 students were taking English lessons in the six-story building.

The bomb caused considerable damage, wrecking the men's room and adjacent class-rooms, smashing windows and causing water damage to the American library on the floor below.

The other bomb exploded in the garden of the South Vietnamese Embassy, smashing windows.

Police said the attackers, presumably leftwing extremists held responsible for a series of attacks on American installations recently, were at large.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

C.B.S. radio news reported yesterday that U.S. helicopters flying South Vietnamese troops into Laos sometimes carry American Special Forces officers, some in South Vietnamese uniforms. "The information contradicts claims in Washington and in Laos," said C.B.S. newsman Jeff Williams. He disclosed that his information came from American helicopter pilots.

STRONG EARTHQUAKE IN NORTHERN IRAN

TEHERAN (Reuter). — A strong earthquake yesterday hit Iran's north-western province of Azerbaijan, withing 30 kms. of the Soviet border.

First reports said there were no casualties, but widespread damage was caused in four towns.

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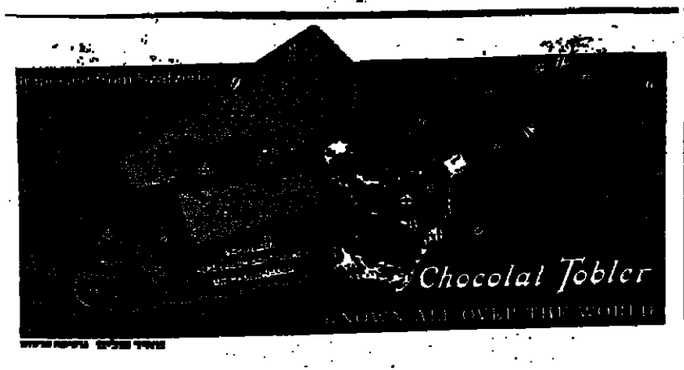

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Social and Personal

The President, Mr. Zalman Shazar, yesterday received the Peruvian Ambassador, General Victor Odicio Tamariz, and Mrs. Tamariz, on the Ambassador's conclusion of his tour of duty. Gen. Tamariz also paid a farewell call on Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkatt.

The President also received the Attorney-General, Mr. Meir Shamgar.

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A reception was held in Beersheba yesterday to mark the opening there of an office of the Arab Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister. All the chiefs of local Beduin tribes attended. The Prime Minister's Adviser, Mr. Shmuel Toledano, was also present.

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Rt. Rev. Robert Lionne Dewitt, Diocesan Bishop of Pennsylvania, and Mr. John Mclough, editor of the "Philadelphia Evening and Sunday Bulletin," yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute.

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A reception in honour of Mr. Edwardo Mattaraz, a Brazilian industrialist, was given this week by the Secretary of Hevrat Ovdim, Mr. Asher Yadlin.

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Deputy Minister of Tourism Yehuda Sha'ari is to speak on The Economy and Labour Relations, at the Haifa Engineers Forum, at 1 p.m. today.

60-nation treaty bans seabed A-weapons

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union, the United States, Britain and 57 other nations yesterday signed a treaty banning nuclear weapons on the seabed and the ocean floor, hailed by the Soviets as "a milestone on the road to general and complete disarmament."

Premier Alexei Kosygin, U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam and British Ambassador Duncan Wilson signed for their governments at the Moscow ceremony. Parallel signings took place in Washington and London.

"This treaty is a milestone on the road to general and complete disarmament," the official Tass news agency said in a commentary circulated prior to the ceremony at the modern House of Receptions in the Lenin Hills.

In Washington, President Nixon told a signing ceremony audience, "This was a modest step — it is an important step. We hope that we will be meeting for the final great step in the control of nuclear arms: the control of nuclear arms on earth."

TREATY PROVISIONS

The treaty compels signatories not to install nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction on the ocean floor, other seabeds or in their subsoil outside a 12-mile coastal zone. It comes into force when 22 governments have ratified it, including those of the U.S., the Soviet Union and Britain.

Astronauts James Irwin, Alfred Worden and David Scott, who will fly the Apollo 15 moon mission in July, pose at the Space Centre in Houston, Texas, with the experimental equipment they will take with them. At right is the moon buggy which they will drive on the moon's surface. (AP radiophoto)

Tito to seek M.-E. solution

BELGRADE (AP). — President Tito will press for a peaceful solution of the Midle East crisis when he visits Egypt next week, a spokesman for the Yugoslav Government said yesterday.

"Dragoljub Vujica" said Tito's visit to Cairo also would be "a new, significant contribution to further strengthening of all-round co-operation and friendship between the two countries."

Norway withdraws anti-Semitic book

OSLO (Reuter). — The official Institute for Foreign Affairs here said it had yesterday withdrawn from sale one of its publications following press criticism that it was anti-Semitic.

Institute Director John Sannesa told journalists he deeply regretted the publication of the book "Israel-People and Contemporary Times."

"It is being withdrawn from the market and we will substitute for it a new book on the same subject," he said. "Personally I offer my unreserved apology to all those who in my opinion have every reason to feel hurt and outraged."

The book, written by Norwegian Jan Bjoendal for use in Norwegian schools, met with strong criticism from Norwegian papers for its pro-Arab and anti-Israel attitude.

In the book, Mr. Bjoendal claimed that Jews refer to the Old Testament to justify the establishment of the State of Israel. "This means that God's will has not been fulfilled until the whole of Canaan has been conquered by Israel," he wrote.

KILLING 'WITH PLEASURE'

In a reference to members of the kibbutz who he claimed represent the ideal to the Israeli people, Mr. Bjoendal said "It is a question of colonising, working and killing with the same rejoicing pleasure."

The Oslo paper "Dagbladet" condemned the book for its anti-Semitic attitude and for seeking to portray the Jew as "a happy murderer."

In another passage, Mr. Bjoendal said Israel should "in a strange bitter way" be grateful to Hitler for its establishment.

Soviet seeks defensive arms pact with U.S.

MOSCOW, (AP) — The Soviet Union wants to conclude a limited agreement with the U.S. on defensive strategic arms, official Soviet sources said yesterday.

But the sources made it clear the Kremlin would prefer a comprehensive accord on both offensive and defensive weapons as long as the agreement provides for nuclear parity between the two superpowers.

The sources went to some pains in trying to clear up misunderstandings created by a recent article in "Pravda," the first authoritative public comment on the arms limitations talks in more than a year.

The Feb. 3 "Pravda" article, written by disarmament specialist Vasily Shestov, made no distinction between the kind of "first step" agreement on anti-ballistic missiles which the Soviets proposed at the talks last December, and a broader accord covering all strategic weapons systems. The sources said the two, in fact, were quite distinct.

British decision reported to quit Persian Gulf

LONDON. — Britain has decided to pull out of the Persian Gulf, probably by the end of the year, diplomatic sources said yesterday. An announcement of the decision is expected shortly, they said.

All that will remain of Britain's one-time dominant military role in the oil rich and strategically important area will be limited to a token naval representation by a few small naval craft, the sources said.

The Conservative Government reached the decision after long hesitations and on-the-spot consultations over the past few months with leaders of the Gulf nations.

The decision contrasts with another British move, that of maintaining a military presence east of Suez.

It was the Labour Government which during its term had decided to pull out from both east of Suez and the Persian Gulf this year. The current Conservative Government decided to stay in the Far East and apparently intended at first also to stay in the Persian Gulf.

But it faced growing opposition from nations in the Gulf area, headed by Iran which has the ambition to become the dominant power in the area.

London dispatched a personal representative, Sir William Luce, an expert on the area, to the Persian Gulf for confidential exploration of the mood of the nations' Governments. Sir William's report apparently discouraged British considerations to try to maintain a military presence there. The report has not been published so far.

CRUCIAL DECISION

Diplomatic sources said the Government has now taken the crucial decision to pull out and it is expected to hold in principle to its Labourite predecessor's target date, around the end of the year, but not later than early 1972.

Meanwhile, Sir William said yesterday the idea of establishing a union of nine Gulf states had not failed. The Governments of Britain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait were still doing all they could to help bring about the union, Sir William said in Teheran.

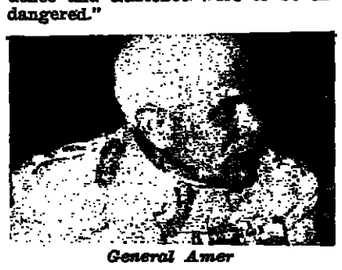
During his four-day unofficial visit here he will be meeting the Shah of Iran, Iranian Foreign Minister Ardeshire Zahedi, and other government leaders. *(UPI, Reuter)*

U.S. 'would war for Israel' — Servan-Schreiber

PARIS (INA). — French radical party leader Jean Jacques Servan-Schreiber Wednesday night expressed his conviction that the U.S. would go to war in order to defend Israel's existence.

Mr. Servan-Schreiber has close links with American leaders and has recently returned from a trip to Washington during which he conferred with Secretary of State William Rogers and Senate and House personalities.

The French deputy said that he had returned from these meetings convinced that American would risk a world nuclear conflict over two international issues: Jerusalem and Berlin. When asked for his own views on this subject, Mr. Servan-Schreiber said: "All available means should be used if Israel's independence and existence were to be endangered."



General Amer

Egypt ex-commander, Amer, dies at 64

CAIRO (Reuter). — General Ali Ali Amer, former chief of staff of the Egyptian armed forces, has died in Alexandria, "Al Ahram" reported yesterday.

The 64-year-old veteran soldier died from a heart attack Wednesday, the newspaper said. General Amer was appointed commander-in-chief of the Arab armies in 1964 until his retirement in 1968.

He had been commander of the Suez Canal Zone in 1956.

Chinese economic activity grows in Arab countries

LONDON (INA). — The "Financial Times" reports in a dispatch from Beirut that China is intensifying its economic and trade activities with Arab countries. Statistics published by the Chinese Embassy in Damascus showed Chinese exports to Arab markets increased by 10 per cent last year.

Under a new agreement signed in Cairo last month, the volume of Chinese-Egyptian trade is to rise from £5m. in 1970 to £16m. this year.

Lebanon's imports of Chinese goods increased by over 50 per cent in 1969 and the new regime is said to be considering extending diplomatic recognition to Peking. Lebanon still maintains diplomatic relations with the Formosa Government.

Chinese exports to Arab markets include chemicals, frozen meats, tea, and some industrial goods. China imports from the Arabs mainly agricultural products.

Twenty-six per cent of Chinese foreign aid during the past 10 years went to Arab countries. The "Financial Times" says, however, that the Chinese have only a few projects going on there. "Arab governments have complained that the Chinese promises of assistance were much greater than their deeds. Even Palestinian terrorists recently complained they received only 25 per cent of aid promised by Peking."

U.S. marchers protest drive into Laos

NEW YORK (AP). — Generally peaceful demonstrations were held in cities and on campuses across the U.S. yesterday to protest the U.S.-backed South Vietnamese military strike into Laos.

Turnouts ranged from about 4,000 persons at a Boston rally to a score of students who picketed in Pocatello, Idaho. Though most demonstrations were peaceful, sporadic incidents of violence during a march following the Boston rally resulted in injuries to several policemen and the arrest of 14 persons.

Six policemen were treated at hospitals after a melee in Baltimore, Maryland, and police in Berkeley, Calif., used tear gas to break up a march after a car was burned and one patrolman injured. Washington police arrested six persons in clearing a crowd of 700 youths who had marched to the White House from nearby George Washington University.

Soviet deplores Iraq persecution of Communists

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Communist party yesterday deplored anti-Communist persecutions in Iraq that led to the deaths of two Iraqi party leaders, blaming them upon "reactionary forces."

The party newspaper "Sovietskaya Rossiya" implied the deaths were murder. "Soviet Communists, indeed all Soviet people, express solidarity with the Iraqi Communists and democrats in connection with the deaths of Kayzm al-Jasim and Aziz Hamid," it said.

The newspaper said the two men "were arrested without any formal charges," and it added: "The crime perpetrated against the two Iraqi Communists testifies to the fact that the reactionary forces in Iraq have not laid down arms and are seeking to frustrate the process now under way of overcoming past difficulties in the relations between anti-imperialist forces in Iraqi society."

SYRIA HOLDS TALKS ON TOBACCO SALES

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Soviet, Bulgarian and French delegations began talks here yesterday with Syria's tobacco authority on contracts for the purchase of large quantities of Syrian tobacco.

Ministry of Economy sources said the Soviet Union had decided to import more than 10,000 tons of Syrian tobacco. Bulgaria had announced she was prepared to barter Bulgarian goods for Syrian tobacco worth $1m. and France wants to buy 5,000 tons of tobacco as well.

A family prepares lunch on outdoor camp stoves in the Sylmar suburb of Los Angeles after Tuesday's earthquake. The home is without water and electricity, and a disconnected radiator can be seen at left rear. (AP radiophoto)

2 Gaullists quit party over local Soustelle alliance

PARIS (UPI). — Gen. Charles de Gaulle's brother-in-law and a former Cabinet Minister of the late French President resigned from the Gaullist political party yesterday in protest against an alleged rapprochement between the present Gaullist leadership and Jacques Soustelle, an arch foe of de Gaulle.

Jacques Vendroux, the National Assembly Deputy from Calais, and Christian Fouchet, one of de Gaulle's closest political cohorts and his Interior Minister during the 1968 political crisis, made public their resignations from the Gaullist Party yesterday because M. Soustelle and the Gaullist candidates are being presented on a common ticket in the coming municipal elections in Lyon.

M. Soustelle was Information Minister in de Gaulle's first Cabinet, but broke with him and had to go into exile abroad during the Algerian crisis. During the years that M. Sousetelle was in exile, he waged a strong anti-Gaullist campaign.

Gaddafi begins Tunisia visit

TUNIS (Reuter). — A 21-gun salute greeted Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi yesterday on his arrival in Tunisia for a five-day official visit.

He was met at the airport, where a large crowd had gathered, by Tunisia's Prime Minister Hedi Nouira and Foreign Minister Mohamed Masmoudi. Colonel Gaddafi was then driven to the presidential palace where he is staying during his visit.

Observers here said they believed Colonel Gaddafi and Tunisian leaders would try to align their points of view on the Middle East situation. Bilateral relations are also expected to be discussed.

Oil countries to decide tomorrow on O.P.E.C. offer

TEHRAN (UPI) — The world's major oil producing countries will decide today whether to accept or reject a "very final" offer made by Western oil companies to break a deadlock over prices and conditions, Iranian Finiance Minister Jamshid Amouzgar said yesterday.

Amouzgar said the producers would weet with tht oil companies tomorrow afternoon, picking up talks broken last week amid oil boycott threats.

Pompidou notes weakness of £

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP). President Georges Pompidou of France said yesterday "it would be foolish to pretend to disregard the difficulites of the sterling zone because the day Britain enters (the Common Market) they will appear openly and will have to be solved one way or another."

Speaking to newsmen here before flying to Libreville, Gabon, last stop on his tour of five former French West African nations, Mr. Pompidou said there were no problems posed by the franc zone in West Africa because France guarantees the balance of payments of all the member states.

But the pound sterling is "very strongly out of balance internally because Britain is a debtor as regards the other members of the sterling zone. As a result, it will be an extremely important problem to examine and resolve within the framework of the European Monetary Union if Britain comes into the community."

Renewed rioting in Calabria

REGGIO CALABRIA (AP). — Riot policemen dispersed screaming, stone-throwing demonstrators with water hoses and tear-gas yesterday in a renewal of violence in this tense city.

The fighting came after police prevented a street march by about 1,000 persons that would have violated a government ban on demonstrations.

Agitators regrouped on the steps of the municipal theater and shouted the name of Mayor Piero Battaglia, whom they accuse of letting down the city in its six-month battle to become regional capital. Seven demonstrators were arrested.

The demonstrators were answering a call for a march by the local "action committee," which has been leading the agitation to make Reggio capital of Calabria.

Siberian dance show disrupted in U.S.

BALTIMORE, Maryland (UPI) — A performance by a Siberian singing and dancing troupe Wednesday night das disrupted by a demonstration against the treatment of Soviet Jews.

Demonstrators began clicking cricket-like noisemakers as the show at the Lyric Theatre began.

The performance resumed as police escorted the demonstrators outside. Some of them shouted "Let my people go" in Russian and English.

(In Sydney, Australian Jews were yesterday advised not to attend matches to be played in Australia by Moscow's Dynamo football team. The president of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, Mr. Harry Goldstein, said it was a matter of conscience that a Jew and anyone who believed in freedom should not support a team from a country "practising inhumanity and discrimination.")

Greek Church and Queen make peace

ATHENS (Reuter). — The Greek Orthodox Church yesterday expressed satisfaction at a message from Queen Frederika, Greece's self-exiled Queen mother, in reply to allegations that she had insulted the Greek Church and clergy.

"The issue is considered closed after Queen Frederika's explanation, which the church considers satisfactory," a church spokesman declared.

In a message to the holy synod, the Queen affirmed her belief in the existence and divinity of Jesus Christ, and said it had never been her intention to offend the clergy of the church of Greece. She also expressed the wish that her answer would put an end to what the Queen described as a "regrettable incident."

Israel plan alleged to attack Alexandria

KUWAIT (Reuter). — Israel is preparing a surprise strike to destroy the port of Alexandria and Egyptian naval vessels berthed there, the Gulf newspaper "al-Khaleej" claimed yesterday.

The Arabic political weekly, quoting "reliable" sources, said the invaders would be Jews expert in speaking the Egyptian dialect of Arabic. It said the group would use Egyptian uniforms during the operation, and was well trained in using Russian arms and in distinguishing Egyptian military signs.

The destruction of the port of Alexandria, Egypt's main outlet to the Mediterranean, would isolate the country from other ports of the world and limit Russian arms supplies, the paper added.

The Minister of Tourism, Mr. Moshe Kol, awarded to the Casba Restaurant in Tel Aviv (32 Rehov Yermiyahu) this year, for the seventh time running, the highest rating, the "Four Forks" (four stars) indicating "outstanding quality". The Casba is the only restaurant in Israel to have won this distinction. The photograph shows Mr. Emil Gatlan and his wife, Ruth receiving the certificate from Mr. Kol. *(Communicated)*

Postal strikers march in London

LONDON (AP). — Thousands of striking postal workers in a 3-km. procession disrupted traffic in the heart of London yesterday with a march in support of their pay claim.

Four coachloads of police reinforcements stood ready for trouble from the 4,000 chanting demonstrators carrying placards, but they were not forced to intervene.

The postmen, telephone and telegraph operators marched to Hyde Park where union chief Tom Jackson called for talks to end the dispute, now in its fourth week, between his 230,000-man union and the Post Office.

The Post Office has refused to budge from its offer or an 8 per cent increase. The union is demanding 16 per cent.

The strike has now cost the Post Office nearly £11m. in lost revenue. There was a slight increase in the number of post offices open today, but there are still no mail deliveries. Over half the telephonists are now reporting for duty.

Hashish appeal brings extra year

BEIRUT (UPI). — Lebanon's court of appeal added a further year yesterday to three-year jail terms being served by three Americans for drug offences, judicial sources said.

The three bought 23 kilos of hashish for $575 dollars in Baalbeck in August, 1969, prosecutors said. The hashish was seized when they tried to leave Beirut by airplane later that month. They were sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Court sources said the three appealed on grounds they bought the hashish for their personal use and not for trade. The appeal court rejected their plea and added a further one year to their terms. The verdict is final and no appeal can be lodged against it.

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Clear Gandhi victory doubtful in India vote

No one can predict whether next month's Indian election will yield the elusive political stability so desperately sought by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi writes Post correspondent TREVOR DRIEBERG.

NEW DELHI. — IT needs more than a crystal ball to tell the outcome of this fantastic general election that is less than four weeks away. At stake is not only the fate of all parties from extreme right to left, national and regional, but the parliamentary system of government.

If no party or alliance can form a stable administration at the centre, fundamental changes in the Indian Constitution may follow. Whether this would take the form of presidential rule on the American pattern or a turning away from democracy will only become clear after the elections.

At the moment, it seems doubtful whether Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will get the unqualified vote of confidence she seeks to win an absolute majority in the Lok Sabha, the lower House of Parliament. Public opinion surveys and newspaper studies of popular moods and shifting political alignments in different parts of the country present a confusing picture. Pollsters assert that there is *no sharp swing in favour* of the ruling Congress Party. At the same time they say that the electoral pacts among opposition parties spell trouble for the Congress, which rolled up imposing parliamentary majorities in previous elections with less than half the votes polled because its opponents split the anti-Congress vote in many-cornered contests.

Things are different this time. In many states, the Congress is going it alone and faces a four-party alliance of three right-wing groups and the left-of-centre Samyukta (United) Socialists.

Again, the traditional Congress vote of town middle class and big and medium farmers in the village is divided between Mrs. Gandhi's party and the opposition group formed around those Congress leaders ranged against her. On the other hand, there are new factors operating in this general election which appear to help her.

One of them, many newspaper analysts say, is the growing wind of change in town and countryside. The last general election in 1967 ushered in a period of agonising political uncertainty, resulting in the frequent fall of governments in the states of the Union and mass desertions from one party to another and culminating in the break-up in November 1969 of the Indian National Congress.

The Congress stakes its claim to rule free India on its leadership in the struggle for independence and its labour to build a secular republic wedded to democratic socialism. Constant political upheavals, slowing down of economic growth, mounting unemployment and a general sense of dissatisfaction among all sections of the people, arising from unfulfilled expectations, have challenged these claims.

But which direction will the popular desire for changes that would, hopefully, give birth to new and vigorous political initiatives take? This is the question the coming election is expected to answer. And among the contenders for power in New Delhi perhaps Mrs. Gandhi seems to be gaining a better hearing personally than her rivals.

Young people below 30 will to a large extent decide the course of Indian politics in this election. Of the 280 million registered voters in 520 constituencies, 54 million under 25 will vote for the first time, the remaining 42 million between 25 and 30 for the second. Voters in the first group were born after independence, while those in the second were only seven years old or less at that time. These groups of voters are generally better educated and more politically aware than the older generation.

If earlier elections are a pointer, a sizeable section of the older voters will not bother to go to the polls. Thus the 96 million young voters will play a much more decisive role than their numbers warrant. Their assessment of the older leaders of the pre-independence era who still straddle the political scene will be based not on their exploits in the dim past but in the present.

According to random surveys, many of the young look to Mrs. Gandhi to end the evils of unemployment, illiteracy, economic and social inequality and public disorder. Others look to the extreme right, to the Bharatiya Jana Sangh which strives, not very successfully, to combine Hindu nationalism with social change.

With the electoral and voting patterns so complex, March promises to bring many surprises involving the eclipse of several political parties and many ageing politicians. But will it yield the elusive political stability that Mrs. Gandhi is pursuing with a determination bordering on desperation? Nobody can tell.

One point is, however, certain. Conservatism as a political force is dead, although conservatives are numerous in Indian society. The conservative parties will undoubtedly win seats in Parliament, but only by adopting radical postures as they have done.

South Vietnamese soldiers jump off U.S. helicopters landing at a hilltop about 15 miles inside the Laotian border. (AP radiophoto)

'Pravda' raps 'rejection' of Sadat plan

MOSCOW (Reuter). — "PRAVDA" yesterday charged Israel with rejecting Egypt's proposals for reopening the Suez Canal and said it was sabotaging relaxation of tension in the Middle East.

Israel had shown again "it does not want to make even a small concrete step towards fulfilling the Security Council's November, 1967, resolution for a withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied Arab territories," the Soviet newspaper said.

The "Pravda" commentary made the point that the blockage of the Suez Canal damaged international trade, and it remarked that both Western European and developing countries were having to pay higher shipping costs because of its closure.

Reopening of the Canal would show the good will of both sides in the Middle East conflict and contribute to maintaining international economic relations, "Pravda" said.

Meanwhile, Spanish Foreign Minister Gregorio Lopez Bravo told a press conference in Cairo that although Israel's response to the Egyptian proposal for reopening of the Suez Canal was not encouraging, he did not feel any final decisions had been taken.

The Spanish official, who earlier discussed the Middle East crisis with President Sadat, Prime Minister Mahmoud Fawzy and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad, said the talks had been open and sincere.

"Despite the fact that the first Israeli reaction appears to be negative, nevertheless I feel these are important proposals made by President Sadat and that the question is still open," he said.

He recently had talks with President Nixon in Washington and was assumed to have briefed the Egyptian leader on his visit, but he commented: "I am not a messenger."

He said big misunderstandings remained between the U.S. and Egypt which he hoped could be reduced, but he had no plans for a further visit to Washington. He left for Madrid yesterday, after a two-day visit to Egypt.

Democrats pledge to aim at Nixon, not each other

WASHINGTON (AP). — Democratic Party National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien said on Wednesday that his party's potential 1972 presidential contenders have agreed to concentrate their campaign criticism on President Nixon, not each other.

Mr. O'Brien said he got that pledge from possible bidders for the Democratic presidential nomination at a private, three-hour meeting Tuesday night. He said the presidential prospects, plus House Speaker Carl Albert and Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield agreed also to help the debt-plagued National Committee raise money.

On hand as potential candidates for the White House were Senators Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, George McGovern of South Dakota, who already has announced his candidacy, Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Harold E. Hughes of Iowa, Fred R. Harris of Oklahoma, and Henry M. Jackson of Washington.

Mr. O'Brien said in a statement he met earlier with Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana, who was in Israel at the time, and got the same party-unity pledge.

Nigeria, China establish ties

LAGOS, Nigeria, (AP) — Nigeria and Communist China have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, a joint communique issued by the Ministry of External Affairs said on Wednesday.

It said that Nigeria recognizes the Peking regime as "the legal government representing the entire Chinese people."

Policemen in Lagos, Nigeria, use clubs and wicker shields as they battled rioting students recently. The clashes followed incidents at Ibadan University, where two students were killed and about 20 others seriously injured, in riots over poor food at the university's canteen. (UPI photo)

Seoul looks to East Europe

By SIHO LEE

SEOUL (Reuter). — SOUTH Korea may soon bend its rigidly anti-Communist policy and turn its eyes towards Eastern Europe in an attempt to widen diplomatic and economic horizons.

Officials in Seoul have earmarked Yugoslavia and Poland as the first Communist countries likely to have trade ties with South Korea, whose $1,000m. worth of exports last year went mainly to the U.S. and Japan.

To sustain its rapid export increases — about 40 per cent annually over the last few years — South Korea needs new markets and so hopes to improve relations with both friendly Communist countries and the Afro-Asian nations.

Foreign Minister Kyu-Hah Choi outlined the plan first at the U.N. last November.

It is vital to South Korea that the U.N. should continue to maintain a political and military presence in the country, particularly as the U.S. is by June withdrawing 20,000 troops — about one-third of its forces — stationed here.

In the U.N.'s annual debates on Korea, the Communist bloc sponsored resolutions calling for the withdrawal of the U.N. troops and commission from South Korea gain a few more votes each year.

President Chung-Hee Park, summing up his country's concern, told a New Year press conference here "diplomatically we must make as many friends as possible by strengthening ties with friendly nations including the U.S. and non-aligned countries and if possible by joining hands with those Communist countries not hostile to us."

The North Koreans invaded the South and seized Seoul in June 1950 and civil war raged until July 1953. Since then the South Korean government, faced across a tension-ridden border by a hostile Communist regime in the north, has implacably opposed the Communists at home and abroad.

At home the Communist party is outlawed, and under the harsh anti-Communist law the maximum penalty is death for aiding, sympathising or collaborating with North Korea.

But now South Korea sees the dangers of diplomatic isolation as China's international influence grows and it moves closer to North Korea.

Factors which have caused South Korea to review its policy include: diplomatic recognition of Peking by Canada and Italy last year; the U.N. General Assembly's vote last November of 51 to 49 in favour of admitting China to the U.N., although this fell short of a two-thirds majority necessary for admission, and moves by Japan towards closer relations with Peking.

Under the late Syngman Rhee, President from 1948 to 1960, South Korea invariably severed relations with any country that recognised North Korea. Today it has consular or trade ties with India, Indonesia, Egypt and Singapore, all of which have ambassadorial or consular relations with the North.

The Foreign Ministry, seeking greater diplomatic flexibility, is reported to be working out new guidelines to allow South Korean diplomats to contact Communist diplomats on their own initiative, without the Ministry's prior approval as required at present.

Inbal gets mixed reviews in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP). — The Israeli Inbal dance group, which opened a series of performances in New York on Tuesday night, received mixed reviews from the critics.

While she praised the group for its exceptionally good movement and charming singing, "New York Post" critic Frances Herridge wrote on Wednesday, "the choice of material... emphasises the differences between us, rather than the universality. The piece called 'Yemenite Wedding' takes us through ceremony and odd customs — at the end of which the groom and bride see each other for the first time. Hardly a bridge to modern Israel."

Lee Silver, reviewing for the "New York Daily News," said "the performers skillfully merged modern dance techniques and classic ballet with their turns and lifts while interpreting movements of ancient dance styles that sometimes smack of India, Arabia, Greece and Middle Europe."

Readers' letters

TELEREVIEW CRITICIZED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have been a Philip Gillon fan — although with reservations. When leafing through the Friday edition of *The Jerusalem Post*, his Telereview is usually the first column I read. I have an outspoken sense of humour and love for satire. Everybody is entitled to his likes and dislikes. However, good taste should be an axiom for every writer — and even a critic. If Philip Gillon had only harsh words for the Children's Song Festival (January 29), he might have been right from the educational point of view. (I do not recall that he derided the Italian Children's Festival!) But by conjuring Herod the Great and making the macabre joke, "no doubt he ordered the massacre of the innocents after seeing a Child's Festival in Jerusalem," he decidedly went far beyond the boundaries of taste.

LILIT PAVELL

Ramat Aviv, January 29.

Philip Gillon comments:

I am grateful to Lilit Pavell for the kind things she says about me, although I deplore the unkind. On the question of the importance of good taste I fear that I do not agree with her. However, I agree that I was unduly harsh on the children, and apologize to them unreservedly, although I trust that the little darlings will never again invade prime television time.

More life on stock market

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I found your article, "Bid to put more life into Stock Market" (January 26) intriguing in the extreme. It has left me all agog to find out exactly how the proposed changes in Stock Market procedures are going to fill our humdrum days with "life, interest and tension." This was not made sufficiently clear in the article.

So far as I can discern, the intended effect of the proposed changes is to increase the volume of trading and the short-term fluctuation of share prices. It is not too difficult to see how this will provide "life and interest" to stockbrokers, bankers and anyone else who makes a safe percentage out of stock market transactions. But what will it do for the rest of us poor, benighted part-time civilians? Isn't it true that we are being encouraged to indulge in petty speculation in the hope of turning a fast buck?

Most of us won't need much encouragement. The inclination to gamble is all too frequently in inverse ratio to the individual's means to indulge it. This is understandable enough; it is a little easier to put up with poverty if one can entertain the prospect, however remote, of Easy Street just around the next corner but one. Witness the enormous sums spent by Israelis every week on "Payis" and "Toto."

As for me (and, I suspect, many others), I already have "life, interest and tension" coming out of my nose and ears. What I would like is a bit more stability, peace, and relaxation — nay, veritable torpor! — and a few more pounds (*real* pounds, not paper earnings which are someone else's loss) in my pocket at the beginning of each month.

L. HOLLAND

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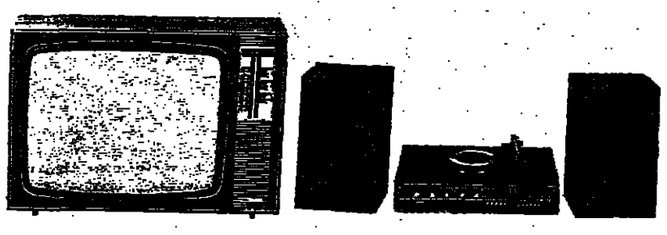

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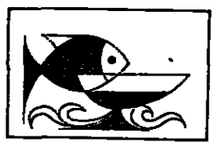

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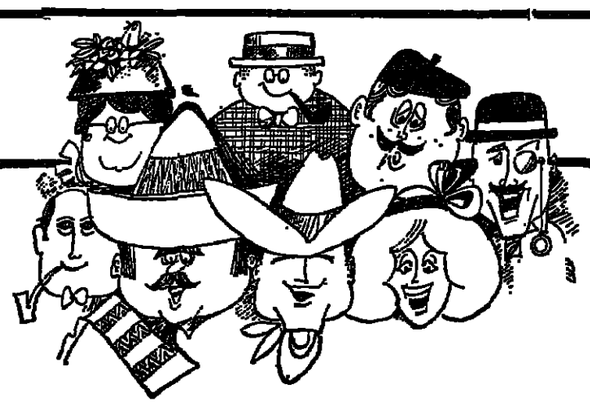

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20 years ahead of environment bandwagon

By HELGA DUDMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TWENTY years ago a small group of Israelis — there were less than ten — began thinking, in a primitive way, along lines that were well ahead of the times and actually ran counter to the philosophy of that day.

At the moment it is very modern — though less so in Israel than in more developed countries — to worry about "the quality of the environment." Two decades ago here the emphasis was still very much on "man's conquest of the land;" the notion of "another dunam, another goat," was giving way to "another factory, another road and *shikum*." Nevertheless, a few peculiar individuals were already then worrying about the necessity of preserving the country's natural beauties in the face of industrialization. Emphasis was, of course, on flowers and wild animals and nooks and crannies of the wilderness. Nobody dreamed that the very quality of our air and water would one day come into question.

Informal

By 1953 the few friends decided to form a public group which met informally and occasionally wrote reports. The original members included scientists, teachers, and students, among them the botanist Professor A. Galili and the zoologist Professor Mendelsohn, Dvora Netzer-Sereni, Dr. A Barash, Yaakov Hoofien, and two young students, Amotz Zahavi and Azaria Alon. The next year they turned to a larger circle of friends, mostly teachers and kibbutz members. They found a strong response and the feeling that many people were interested in the problem. The embryonic Tel Aviv University provided a corner for an office. Legislative beginnings came next with contacts at the Knesset and the Ministry of Agriculture. The late Minister of Interior Israel Bar-Yehuda was an especially strong source of support. Still, the nature of the group's function was not yet clear. There was hardly any money (some local authorities were providing semi-budgets for field personnel) and most of all, few people had any particular feeling for the "nature of the nature" that was supposed to be preserved.

Today the Israel Society for the Protection of Nature (*Hevra Le-Haganat ha'Teva*) has grown to over 14,000 members, with additional "collective membership" groups in kibbutzim and high school classes.

But this figure is small compared to the challenge, and in view of the fact that public support and awareness of conservation is today throughout the world the major element in its success.

For his annual fee (IL10 for an individual, IL12 for a family, IL6 for students and soldiers) the Society member gets a great deal. The magazine *"Teva v'Aretz,"* published every two months, contains articles on a wide variety of nature subjects as well as news of forthcoming events and trips. Every year there is an annual meeting at a different site to study the area, with special trips and lectures. This year it will be in Eastern Sinai the week before Passover, with a carefully arranged programme of alternative outings.

Stays at the 11 existing Field Study Centres, maintained with resident staff providing instruction and in some cases equipped with comfortable facilities (at others these are more at the youth-hostel level) are available to members. Organized weeks at these centres are planned during holidays such as Succot and Pessach, and cost around IL160.

Full programme

Throughout the year a full programme of local excursions is available, requiring varying amounts of physical effort; some are planned specifically for families with young children. (All details are listed in *"Teva v'Aretz".*) One of the most popular, which has already attracted a total of over 20,000 participants, is the one to Sinai, which started back in August, 1967 and also comes in four or five-day versions with varying degrees of ruggedness. However, a recent participant in one of the "tough" Sinai trips — special vehicles take you to the foot of a mountain early in the morning and you go up on your own — was a 73-year-old woman doctor.

Trips abroad are also organized for members. These are "off-beat" guided excursions to such areas as East Africa, Turkey, and Greece, through which tourists see and learn about spots far off the usual itinerary.

Tourism of another sort — incoming — is a relatively new target of the Society. Azaria Alon, its General Secretary, whose knowledge of the "unknown" stretches of this country is probably unsurpassed, believes that we have much to offer groups of nature lovers abroad. The trouble is that not many people here are convinced of the fact, including Ministry of Tourism officials. Emphasis is always on development, holy sites, or luxury hotels — never on the amazing variety of wild life packed into a tiny area.

"We have more different flower species than any single European country, and more different birds — in the sense that the average visitor is likely to be able to see them," Mr. Alon told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Some time ago I took a prominent visitor from Scotland, active in nature conservation there, on a trip to Ramat Issachar. He was amazed! Like so many others abroad, he thought we were one big armed camp. Instead, he saw pheasants and deer.

California ties

The Society is in contact with the prestigious Sierra Club of California, said Mr. Alon. It is hoped that arrangements can be made whereby a group from California — whose natural endowments are unsurpassed, and where the fight to protect them from pollution and destruction is headed by the Sierra Club — may visit Israel for a tour of what this country can offer.

But you do not have to live in California in order to benefit from the Society's programme. Branches exist, in addition to the three main cities, in Hadera, Bat Yam, Netanya, Petah Tikva, Ramat Gan, Holon, Rehovot, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Beersheba and Rishon LeZion. It works closely with the Nature Reserves Authority, which is the public body established by law to administer the nature reserves. Jointly, the Authority and the Society have a staff of about 150 field workers "who know every single plant and bit of wild life in the country." The men of the Authority are principally concerned with maintaining and patrolling the Reserves, while the man function of the Society field staff is on teaching.

AZARIA ALON

An off-beat personality is one of the requirements for the Field Study Centre staff. In addition to extensive knowledge of the land, the ability to communicate this knowledge, and to work with young people, since youth groups make up a large part of Field Study Centre visitors, these instructors must enjoy an isolated existence. Three young women are among the instructors; most of them are married, and live year round with their families at what are relatively remote spots.

Less isolation

Though not as isolated as they once were. "In 1961, a young couple agreed to go live on Mount Meron with absolutely no facilities, just a couple of dogs," recalled Azaria Alon. "They are still there, now with three children." And the Field School building at Mount Meron, modern and comfortable, is one of the prides of the network. "Now it's easy," says Azaria.

He himself is a member of Kibbutz Beit Hashita, the author of a series of knowledgeable yet lyrically written books on Israel's wild life. (Incidentally, Society members are entitled to discounts on relevant publications as well as certain campaign equipment.) He has long been appreciated by local audiences for his low-keyed, highly informative radio talks. Azaria Alon is one of the few remaining kibbutzniks who, when he turns up in town on Society business, continues to wear shorts. His personality makes a nice counterpart to that of 'Aluf (res.) 'Avraham Yoffe, his opposite number at the Nature Reserves Authority, who usually turns up at meetings in a battle jacket.

The Society's membership today includes Israelis from all walks of life, of all backgrounds, of all age groups. It is therefore a made-to-order framework for helping new immigrants make new friends and get to know the country. Many newcomers from industrial countries come here with an awareness of the dangers which uncontrolled technology brings to the environment (the Society's concerns in this area range from water pollution to indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides). By joining the Society they can meet like-thinking Israelis, enjoying the casual atmosphere of outings, and find themselves in areas that many old-timers do not know.

Basic Hebrew

Only the most rudimentary knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. Among the most enthusiastic participants in a recent Sinai trip was a group of Swiss students who found the tour among their most memorable experiences here. The Swiss do have the Alps — but no Sinai desert.

The Society is anxious to expand its membership — on which, in the final result, all its activities depend. Perhaps in 20 years one may write that a small group of Israelis — only around 14,000 — were thinking along lines that were well ahead of the times and much more far-sighted than the spirit of that day.

Another Soviet diplomat criticizes Brandt policy

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Another Soviet diplomat, this time in Stockholm, has openly criticized Bonn Chancellor Willy Brandt's "ostpolitik," according to the conservative daily "Die Welt" on Wednesday.

The criticism was contained in a talk which "Die Welt" said Soviet Embassy Secretary in Stockholm Alexander Lopatin held at his own request with the newspaper's Scandinavian correspondent.

"Die Welt's" report appeared only one day after the Russian Embassy in Bonn officially denied that Soviet officials had given a similar interview to the Hearst chain of American newspapers last week.

The newest interview deepened the mystery surrounding Moscow's intentions toward the Brandt government and seemed likely to heighten speculation there is a lack of agreement in the Kremlin itself.

"Die Welt" said Mr. Lopatin expressed disappointment with Mr. Brandt's policy of improving relations with East Europe and especially with Mr. Brandt's alleged unwillingness to compromise in the controversial Berlin issue.

The Bonn Foreign Office reacted calmly to the Lopatin interview. A spokesman compared the spate of Russian statements and press leaks with "atmospheric static" and tactical flanking moves parallel to the current four-power talks on Berlin. The spokesman said, however, it appeared those behind the contradictory Russian tactics were "losing control" of the situation.

In yesterday's interview with "Die Welt," Mr. Lopatin reportedly claimed Mr. Brandt's left-liberal government might be more "dangerous" than any of Mr. Brandt's conservative Christian Democratic predecessors.

The Soviet official was said to have confirmed the Hearst reports, the first of which warned Moscow might soon drop its friendly line towards Bonn but which was toned down in a second report last Sunday.

Meanwhile, the U.S., Britain and France handed the Soviet Union a new set of proposals to improve the Berlin situation, diplomatic informants reported yesterday. The contents were not disclosed.

Confession by girl in Tate murder

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — Screaming "I've got to tell it," Susan Atkins, one of the four convicted in the Sharon Tate murder trial, confessed on Tuesday night that it was she who had stabbed the pregnant actress to death.

Miss Atkins, 21, also admitted during the penalty phase of the trial that she also killed a Los Angeles musician, Gary Hinman, and participated in the murders of supermarket owner Leno Labianca and his wife the night after the Tate slaughter.

Miss Atkins was convicted along with Charles Manson, 35, Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, and Leslie van Houten, 22, of the murder of Miss Tate and four others at her home near here in August 1969.

Miss Atkins gave a detailed account of the stabbing. Earlier in her testimony, Miss Atkins had said she could not recall the details of the murders.

She charged that Linda Kasabian, the prosecution's star witness in the case, was the one who picked the Tate house as a target. Weeping, sobbing and occasionally yelling, she also gave the court a step by step description of how she and several others got involved in the murders which she said started with Hinman.

Syrians get death for Beirut murder

BEIRUT (Reuter). — A Lebanese military court Wednesday sentenced two Syrians to death in their absence for the murder of the night watchman of a newspaper which opposed the Syrian regime.

The guard of the weekly "Al-Jadid" newspaper was shot dead by men in a passing car in March last year. An indictment said two men — Mohammed Amin Ataya and Amir Izzat Osman — were arrested the day after the shooting when they were found carrying weapons at the site of the incident.

Ghana hails Israel aid

ACCRA, Ghana (Reuter). — A Ghanaian cabinet minister said on Wednesday that Israeli financial aid and technical assistance was playing a significant role in developing countries.

Speaking at a ceremony marking Israel's National Day at the Ghana International Trade Fair here, Dr. Kwame Safo-Adu, Minister of Agriculture, said Israel's training programme for Ghanaian agriculturists had become a regular feature of the country's development programme.

A WIZO WOMEN'S club was opened in Beisan on Wednesday, and 200 residents immediately registered as members.

Hash smuggler jailed 5 years

HAIFA. — An Israeli citizen who tried to smuggle 40 kgs. of hashish out of the country in a Lark sedan was sent to jail yesterday for five years. He is Rafael Puah, 39, who admitted the charges in the District Court.

Puah told the three-judge bench that he met a couple of Persians while he was in Germany last September and arranged with them to get a large quantity of hashish to Germany where they would pick it up. When he returned to Israel, he purchased a Lark car and 198 sacks of hash, which he secreted in the body of the car and in false-bottomed suitcases in the boot. (Several of the plugs were hidden in the petrol tank.)

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Computerized study links flow of liquids and learning

By MIMI CROSSLY

Science Today

AS fast as new information about the brain is discovered, Dr. Albert Uttley builds a computer that tries to imitate it. The profsor of experimental biology at the University of Sussex in England aims to build a machine that can learn by itself.

Like the brain, his latest device, called "Informon," contains thousands of connective pathways by which new information can react with a "memory" of stored information. This enables the computer to quickly adapt to new situations and make correct predictions from a very small memory bank.

Informon also mimics the recognition system of the eye by shutting off when it meets something it already knows. It can also change its "mind" about something, based on the frequency with which information appears.

"Up to this point, Informon is rather like a good animal," says Uttley. But some of its special features make it closer to humans than animals.

Eventually, brain research will lead to "wet" computures made of jelly-like chemicals and thin walls of tissue wrapped in plastic, says Dr. C.U.M. Smith, author of a new book called "The Brain: Towards an Understanding".

A fresh surge in brain research is leading to startling new ideas of what goes on in the brain and nervous system. Instead of the familiar picture of brain and nerves as a system over which dry, electric-type impulses run like messages run along a telegraph wire, Smith sees learning and memory as the ebb and flow of liquids through a complex of soft inner walls, or membranes, in the brain.

School children, says Smith, will soon be taught that we learn, think and act by osmosis, or the flow of liquids through membranes which block certain substances and let others through. He sums it up thus: "Machinery of the living brain depends on the flow of electrolyte solutions — positively or negatively charged molecules in liquid — across membranes of lipoprotein (fat and protein)."

When your finger touches something, the sensation in the nerve ending creates a positive or negative charge in the chemicals of the nerve cell. This triggers a chemical action which is passed along from cell to cell until it reaches the brain.

Actually, the charged liquid moves through the membranes surrounding each cell via osmosis. The liquid enters into small arms or tiny processes on the cell. This triggers the same chemical reaction as occurred in the first cell and causes the messages or sensation to be passed on to the next cell.

Such chemical communication is as fast as electricity flowing over wires, claims Smith.

The main thrust of brain research now is aimed at what happens when the chemical messages arrive in porridgy, liquid cerebrum — the thinking part of the brain that sits atop the primitive areas used for instinct and reflexes.

"We want to be able to put our finger on the exact way in which memory and learning take place," says Smith.

There are several basic theories as to how this happens.

—Hooking-up Theory: According to this hypothesis, learning takes place in the synapses or the junction between two cells. When chemicals generated by a new experience flow through the nervous system, they leave a specific substance behind that "stains" some of the finger-like processes that join the cells. This paves the way for future experiences of the same kind. The more this occurs the more learning is strengthened.

—Unhooked Theory: This states the opposite, namely that certain kinds of learning cause synapses to weaken and unhook. This happens when you are sitting in the dark and a light is flashed repeatedly. The first few times it passes, cells in the eye respond rapidly. But, once they have learned what the light is, they relax and stop responding. The synapses actually unhook.

Spot in brain

—Point Theory: Learning is accomplished by producing new protein in specific cells of the brain, according to this theory. Since vision, for instance, is controlled by a certain spot in the midbrain, then perhaps thought and memory are contained in an equally specific place in the cerebrum.

—Field Theory: The opposite of the point idea. Wherever learning might start in the brain, it becomes stored in a netwerk of cells that exists throughout the brain. The cells do not seem to be specifically related to the function of the section of the brain they are located in. In this theory, memory is a state of the whole brain.

These ideas are supported by research, such as the amazing experiments conducted by Dr. George Ungar of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He taught rats, who naturally prefer the dark, to fear it. He then removed cells from their brains, extracted protein, and injected it into untrained rats. The untrained rats showed the same fear as the trained rats. Ungar's theory is that the transferred substance "stained" the synapses to remember an experience, even if the rats had not actually undergone the experience.

Protein increase

At the University of North Carolina, Dr. Edward Glassman and his colleagues have demonstrated an increase in protein in the brains of rats after they learned a simple trick. This occurred in a specific region which other experiments indicate is associated with learning.

On the other hand, different researchers have been able to show that new protein is created in brain cells of animals when almost any stimulus has been experienced, not necessarily learning.

One of the biggest problems in this kind of research is that nobody can define exactly what learning is. "Defining learning is almost a bad joke," says one researcher.

There are at least four types: Learning that enables a person (1) to predict events, (2) to control conditions in the environment, (3) to become familiar with specific events, people and places, and (4) to ignore activities not appropriate to a particular situation.

Many brain scientists are worried about how their discoveries will be used by society. If they find the actual place and substance of learning it could result in "smart" pills, memory transfer and repairing of learning defects. But it could also produce thought control and other forms of undesirable human engineering.

Such things are far down the road, but increases in scientific knowledge have a way of outpacing laws and even morals. Now is the time, says Dr. Smith, to try to comprehend both the hazards and the benefits of understanding our own brains.

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VISITORS' GALLERY: PROF. KURT SCHUBERT

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THE Nazis' treatment of the Jews led a staunch Catholic student in Austria to devote his studies to Jews and Judaism. Today, 30 years later, Kurt Schubert is Professor of Judaica and the head of the Institute for Judaism at the University of Vienna.

The Nazis persecuted the Catholics in Austria, but it was their treatment of the Jews which aroused Dr. Schubert to take an interest in an even more persecuted people and he began to study Semitic languages at the University. By 1949 he had become well enough known to be invited to Israel as the guest of the Government.

This invitation came because he had been entrusted by the Viennese Jewish community with a letter stating that they were transferring all the books they had saved from the Nazis to the State of Israel.

Hebrew studies

At the same time he began studying spoken Hebrew in Vienna under the headmaster of the Hebrew school for Jewish refugees. His teacher, Eliyahu Rotem, is today an official of the Ministry of Education.

The Institute for Judaism at Vienna University is one of the major achievements of his self-imposed battle on behalf of Jews and Judaism. In the mid-1960s he was offered a post as professor in universities in Germany, but rather than go to another country, Dr. Schubert pressed his own university to set up an Institute which he could head and thus remain in Austria. His personal stature backed by his numerous publications led the University to acquiesce to his demand and the Institute was born.

"Some 80 per cent of the students taking Judaism as their subject are non-Jews," he noted, "though most of the visiting students who attend the lectures as part of their general studies are Jewish. What happens is that the Jewish students learn medicine as a career and come to our lectures for their spiritual development," he commented with a smile, and added that most Jews who want to study the subject come to Israel.

Of the 20 to 30 full-time students, generally at least two are Israelis, and currently another two are Arabs, he said. One of the latter is a native of Tulkarem, although he came to the University from Kuwait. He doesn't believe that the Arab students intend to return to Arab countries to use their degrees but they will probably go to teach in other countries.

Fourth visit

The professor is currently on his fourth visit to Israel, having also been here for lectures and conferences in 1955 and 1961. This time he returned mainly to see friends and also to visit Masada. "I went to Masada back in 1961, but it was so hot when we got there that I got right back into the bus. I suffer from heat, even in summer in Austria. If the State of Israel had been established in Iceland, I imagine that I would spend some time there every year," he says with a laugh.

Dr. Schubert's activities on behalf of Jewry outside the university are numerous. He is chairman of the Christian-Jewish Friendship League and the Austrian Catholic Bible Association as well as acting vice-chairman of the Austrian Society for Religious Science. In all of these roles he is active in the fight against anti-Semitism. In addition he spends much of his spare time lecturing on Judaism and in anti-Semitism action groups, as well as having served as the editor of a series of 13 television programmes on Bavarian TV on the subject of Judaism.

One task which he is obviously proud of is that of rewriting the text of the St. Margarethen's Passion Play, Austria's equivalent to the Oberammergau Passion play. He was asked to take on this job by the Bishop of Eisenstadt who told him in plain language that his job was to get rid of the anti-Semitic references in the play before its next performance. This task was given him after he had already completed the job of removing the anti-Semitic references in the Catholic textbooks in use in Austria.

Asked about the rather delicate topic of Austria's anti-Semitic behaviour in her recent past, Dr. Schubert said that he believes that today Austria is doing no less than other countries in eradicating public anti-Semitism and that Christian-Jewish relations are as good as are to be found anywhere. As an example he cited the decision of the Austrian Synod of church leaders last October to issue a statement urging Catholics to do all they can to fight anti-Semitism. This motion was passed by a vote of 244 in favour and only two abstentions, without any objectors, he noted.

Interest in Israel

"In Austria today you only have some remnants of anti-Semitism among the older population, while the youth are actually most interested in Israel and show no signs of this manifestation. The real danger in my opinion is not the lingering anti-Semitism of the older generation, but the virulently anti-Israel stance of the New Left and their equation of Israel with Nazism plus their lumping of her actions together with those of the Americans in Vietnam," he stresses.

"This is the new enemy, and it is this enemy which we must fight. I think that the influence of the New Left is on the wane in Austria. In the student elections of three weeks ago they didn't get many vote and outside the universities in Austria their philosophy has little chance of spreading. However, we must tell them that what the Arabs are doing and claiming is similar to the nationalist terminology of the Nazis. We must counter their propaganda because I fear them much more that the old anti-Semites."

One of Dr. Schubert's proudest achievements is that his pupils are themselves today heading Institutes for Judaism in other places. Out of the three such institutes in German universities, one of them is headed by a graduate of his, and a new institute being set up in a Swiss university will also be headed by a Vienna graduate. One Korean priest who studied under him, and who is presently in Israel, plans to set up an institute for Judaism in Seoul when he returns home. These are fine achievements for the student who was shocked by the Nazis' treatment of the Jews into becoming one of Europe's foremost Catholic professors of Jewish religion and culture.

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LUSH GARDENS FOUND IN SINAI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — AN Israeli team aided by Beduin guides, has located 45 lush gardens with fruit trees, vineyards and vegetable plots in the heart of the Sinai desert. Also grown there were tobacco plants. The Nature Reserve Authority also reported the existence of 11 hitherto unknown oases in the Sharm e-Sheikh area.

This emerged in a report issued this week by Mr. Yehudz Ziv, director of the southern Sinai survey of the Nature Reserves Authority. The Shangri-la type of gardens in the wilderness flourish near the traditional route of the wanderings of the children of Israel.

It was discovered in the course of the survey that the area around the Santa Caterina monastery has a number of mountains rising to 2,000 metres where snow appears every winter. The special local geological structure created spots where water that ran off the mountains accumulated and over the years the Beduin had constructed small stone pools of water for irrigation purposes. These gardens in the wilderness contain date palms, pomegranate and walnut trees, and trees producing such fruit as plums, pears peaches and figs. Also there were grape vines and bushes bearing berries. In between the trees the Beduin grew tobacco, tomatoes and cucumbers.

As for the Sharm e-Sheikh region, the explorers found oases with tamarisks growing in shady canyons as well as other trees, and were pleased to encounter a wide range of wild fowl and such wild animals as deer, gazelle, panthers and wolves.

School renamed for Amos de-Shalit

REHOVOT. — The main high school here, established in 1937 and formerly only known as the Rehovot Unified High School, was Wednesday renamed in honour of the late Professor Amos de-Shalit, the distinguished Weizmann Institute scientist and educator, who died a year and a half ago at the age of 42.

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"Hebrew ulpanim teach new words and phrases by ear and the majority of their students (being bilingual or trilingual) succeed beautifully in this method. Monolingual people learning Hebrew can't even hear where one word ends and the next word begins. They inevitably fall further and further behind when in a class of both monolingual and multilingual students. Monolingual students are perfectly able to learn a language if they can use the memorizing skill they possess, which is the ability to recall what they read. Aware of this problem, the American Institute of Holy Land Studies continuously provides the monolingual student with an integrated speech-reading-hearing course. This eliminates the handicap of the 'deaf' monolingual person."

An American Institution

Dr. G. Douglas Young is founder and president of the Institute, which since 1959 has conducted programs in Jerusalem and Israel for students from abroad. The director of the Hebrew language program is Mr. David Bivin, an Oklahoman, who has done postgraduate work at the Hebrew University in Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic and Jewish History. For the past two years he has been Senior Teacher at the "American Ulpan," and at present serves in an advisory capacity as Director of Courses.

What do they mean by guaranteed fluency? According to Mr. Bivin it's the ability to understand a lecture in Hebrew at the Hebrew University, express oneself freely and correctly in conversation, and to read a Hebrew newspaper or popular book.

For information the applicant must see Mr. Bivin at the Institute. Come Sunday, Monday or Tuesday afternoon, 4-6 p.m.; and Monday or Tuesday morning, 10-12 a.m.

Finding the Institute on Mount Zion can be quite a problem! Go south down the hill from Jaffa Gate on the road just outside the Old City wall. Take the first left fork in the road (about 150 yards from Jaffa Gate) which leads you up the hill and along the Old City wall. Then take the first right fork and you'll find the Institute about 200 yards further down the road (on the southwest corner of Mount Zion).

(Advt.)

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Gaza report

Davar (Histadrut), while voicing satisfaction with the Chief of Staff's action following submission of the report of the senior officer appointed by him to investigate reports of unnecessary violence against residents of the Gaza Strip, stresses: "Despite the measures taken to root out such conduct in the Israel Defence Forces, the problem of the Gaza Strip is still far from solution. Only the investment of large amounts of money can create sources of employment, and general concern to raise the standard of living is called for in order to effect a change in the situation."

Ha'aretz (non-party): "There never was any foundation for believing the allegations of atrocity which certain circles wished to circulate. However, the letter of the four members of the Nahal unit to the Prime Minister left no doubt that there were indeed cases of soldiers and officers not comporting themselves as they should. The Chief of Staff's swift action is commendable, both as far as he personally is concerned and as a reflection on the I.D.F. as a whole. The fact that two senior officers were also reprimanded makes it quite clear that even high rank will not be permitted to cover up sins of omission.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes: "Few armies in the world which undergo unusual tests and challenges are prepared to admit mistakes. However, it is just such exceptional cases as occurred in Gaza which call for a determined resolution to reveal the facts in their proper proportions, without attempting to confuse the issue."

Lod Flight schedule

FRIDAY

ARRIVALS: Air France 193, from Hongkong, Singapore, Bangkok, New Delhi and Teheran 0325; BOAC 919, from Hongkong, Rangoon, New Delhi and Teheran, 0725; El Al 200, from New York, 1120; Alitalia 738 from Rome, 1300; El Al 462, from Paris and Zurich, 1345; El Al 162, from Nairobi and Addis Ababa, 1500; Air France 184, from Paris, 1540; El Al 366, from Bucharest and Istanbul, 1600; El Al 958, from New York and Amsterdam, 1605; El Al 364, from Nicosia, 1610; El Al 256, from New York, London and Rome, 1730; Swissair 330 from Zurich, 1735; TWA 840, from New York, Rome and Athens, 1805; BEA 430, from London and Athens, 1840; Air France 162, from Paris and Nice, 2120.

DEPARTURES: El Al 163, to Jo'burg, 0100; El Al 161, to Addis Ababa and Nairobi, 0145; Air France 193, to Paris, 0425; Swissair 331, to Zurich, 0725; El Al 365, to Istanbul and Bucharest, 0750; El Al 261, to Rome, Paris and New York, 0755; BOAC 919, to Frankfurt and London, 0810; El Al 465, to Zurich and London, 0820; Olympic 302, to Athens, 0825; Air France 139, to Athens and Paris, 0840; Sabena 574, to Vienna and Brussels, 0845; TWA 841 to Athens, Rome and New York, 0900; BEA 483, to London, 0930; El Al 363, to Nicosia, 1300; Alitalia 739, to Rome, 1345; El Al 467, to Munich and Paris, 1405; El Al 463, to Frankfurt and Amsterdam, 1600; Air France 194, to Teheran, New Delhi, Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Hongkong, Osaka and Tokyo, 1630.

SATURDAY

ARRIVALS: Alitalia 738, from Rome, 1300: TWA 740, from New York, Frankfurt, Rome and Athens, 1650; TWA 840, from New York, Rome and Athens, 476, from London and Munich, 1955; 1805: Olympic 301, from Athens, 1845; Austrian 711, from Vienna, 1845; BEA 482, from London, 1935; BOAC 308, from London and Zurich, 1945; El Al 478, from Paris and Frankfurt, 1945; El Al 476, from London and Munich, 1955; El Al 474, from Amsterdam, Geneva and Rome, 2055; Air France 130, from Paris, 2125; El Al 876, from Frankfurt and London, 2230.

DEPARTURES: Swissair 331, to Zurich, 0725; Air France 133, to Paris, 0825; TWA 841, to Athens, Rome and New York, 0900; BEA 431, to Athens and London, 0930; Alitalia 739, to Rome, 1345; TWA 740, to Bombay and Bangkok, 1750.

Religious Services

Sabbath begins:
In Jerusalem at 4.45 p.m.
In Tel Aviv 5.03 p.m.
In Haifa 4.53 p.m.
and ends:
In Jerusalem at 6.00 p.m.
In Tel Aviv 5.58 p.m.
In Haifa 5.59 p.m.
Portion: Yitro
Haftara: Yeshayah 6, 1-6, 6, 9, 5-6

JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Tonight: Minha, 5.05 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.20 p.m. Shahrit, 8.00 p.m. Minha G'dola, 12.45 p.m. Minha, 4.55 p.m. Arvit, 5.55 p.m.

Hechal Shlomo: Tonight, Minha, 5.10 p.m. Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi A. Carlebach. Tomorrow, Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 4.45 p.m. followed by Talmud Shiur by Dr. Zerah Warhaftig. Ma'ariv 6.00 p.m.

Yeshivat Hakotel Synagogue (Old City). Tonight, Minha, 5.00 p.m. (traditional march to the Wall); Kabbalat Shabbat at the Wall 5.35 p.m.; Arvit (at the Synagogue), 6.20 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.15 a.m. Minha, 12.30 p.m.

Emet Ve'emuna (Gan Rehavia): Tonight: 5.15 p.m. Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi Simon Greenberg. Tomorrow: 8.15 p.m.

Italian Synagogue (Hillel St.): Tonight: Arvit, 5.10 p.m. Tomorrow: Shaharit, 8.00 a.m.

Mount Zion Synagogue: Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.15 a.m.

Bayit Vegan Synagogue (34 Rehov Harav Frank). Tonight: Minha 5.03 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.30 p.m. followed by Rabbi Hanoch Ben Arza. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m. Talmud Siur by Rabbi Leib Heyman 3.15 p.m. Minha 4.30 p.m. Ma'ariv, 6.00 p.m.

Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh), Tonight: 5.05 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Minha, 1.00 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive Judaism: 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalel Museum.) Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi A.S. Zaoui. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m.

Hebrew Union College (Rehov David Hamelech 13) Saturday: 10.00 a.m.

Kehilat Mevakshei Derech (14 Ibn Gvirol St.). Shabbat Services: 9.00 a.m.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative). Student Centre, Neve Shechter. (Behind Israel Museum). Tonight: 5.10 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

Young Israel of Givat Shaul (28 Rehov Givat Shaul). Tonight: 4.47 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 12.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby Road): Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (67 Rehov Ben Yehuda). Tonight, Minha, 5.05 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.30 and 8.30 a.m. Minha, 12.30 and 5.05 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (Beit Hamore, 5 Rehov Nathan Strauss): Tonight: Minha, 5.05 p.m. Tomorrow, Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 5.05 p.m.

Kedem Synagogue, Tel Aviv Progressive Congregation (Rehov Carlebach 20). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi M. Zager.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative) at B'nai B'rit, Kaplan 10). Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

Hatechiya Synagogue: Ramat Gan — Tonight: 5.20 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m. Parashat Hashavua, Mr. Barkol. Minha, 5.10 p.m. Parashat Hashavua, Mr. Weizman.

Shilo Synagogue — (Lamdan ave., Hamerkaz Sch.): Friday, 6.00 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Progressive Congregation for the Sharon Area, 6 Rehov Hakoresh, Kfar Shmaryahu, Friday: 6.30 p.m.

Emeth Ve'anava Congregation (Progressive Judaism, 57 Derech Jabotinsky, Ramat Gan). Tonight, 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi T. Ben-Chorin.

Beth Haknesset Ramat Hen (5 Rehov Ramat Hen). Friday: Minha, 4.20 p.m.

Haminyan Hahadash (Shechunat Eliezer, Kfar Saba). Tonight, 5.15 p.m. Tomorrow, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 5.00 p.m.

HAIFA

Moriah Congregation (Rehov Horeb 7, Ahuza). Friday: Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.15 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m.

Haifa Progressive Congregation (Herzl School, corner Tzidkiyahu and Lotus St.). Friday: 5.30 p.m. Saturday: 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Robert Samuels.

ASHKELON

Beit Knesset Netzach Yisrael (Rehov Kaapstad, Afridar) Friday: Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.00 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m.

REHOVOT

The Conservative Congregation of Rehovot (Scouts Building, near High School). Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Baptist Congregation (A. Narkis St., Jerusalem): Saturday Services. Bible Study: 9.45 a.m. Worship: 11.00 a.m.

Church of Christ (across the street from the Rockefeller Museum). Bible Classes: 10.00 a.m.: Worship: 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Classes, 6.00 p.m. All services bilingual, English and Arabic.

Christ Church — Anglican (Jaffa Gate) Sunday: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.

Lutheran Church (Muristan Rd., Old City, Jerusalem): Sunday, Arabic, Chapel of Redeemer Church, 9.00 a.m. English, Augusta-Victoria Hospital; German, Kapelle der Erloserkirche 10.00 a.m.

The International Evangelical Church (55 Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem). Sunday: Bible Class, 10.00 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Fellowship, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 7.30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church (Eilat Street, behind the Old Law Court, Tel Aviv), Saturday: 11.00 a.m.

St. George's Cathedral (Anglican). (Nablus Road, Jerusalem). Sunday: Holy Communion (English), 8.00 a.m. Morning Service (Arabic), 9.30 a.m. Choral Communion and Sermon (English), 11.00 a.m. Weekdays: 7.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. (English).

Seventh-Day Adventist Church (4 Lincoln Street, Jerusalem): Saturday: Bible Study, 9.30 a.m.: Sermon, 10.45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10.00 a.m. (in English): Weekdays Tuesday, 6 p.m. (Services conducted in several languages, including Hebrew.)

Anglican Church, (Tel Aviv, Immanuel Church, behind Old Law Court, Eilat St.) Sunday: Holy Communion, 9.00 a.m. Evening Prayer, 7.00 p.m. (in English and Hebrew).

Christian Science Service, Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv, Sunday: 2.00 p.m.

Petah Tikva Baptist Congregation (3 kilometres north of Petah Tikva on Hadera Highway). Saturday services: Bible Study, 9.45 a.m.; Worship: 11.00 a.m.

St. Luke's Church, Haifa (Anglican) 4 St. Luke's Street, near U.N.O. and Hagefen. (Services in English). 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.00 a.m. Morning Service (Holy Communion on first and third Sunday).

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SATURDAY

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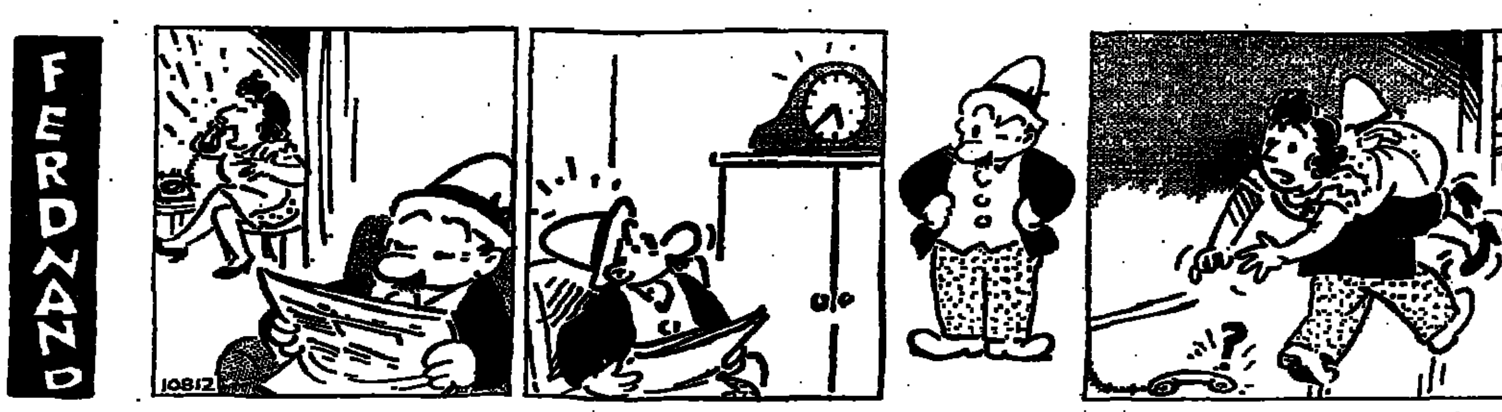

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French singing star Enrico Macias (centre, standing) volunteered to entertain at the wedding of wounded ex-serviceman Oded Pesanson and Ella Mansoura, both of Tel Aviv, on Wednesday night. Among the guests was the Chief Chaplain to the Forces, Aluf Shlomo Goren, many invalid ex-soldiers, and the "patron of the wounded", Mr. Simha Holtzberg (standing on right). (Gutman photo)

31 terrorist suspects seized in Nablus, 4 hurt

Jerusalem Post Staff

NABLUS. — Four terrorist suspects were injured here on Tuesday while trying to resist arrest. The incident occurred during a massive security force swoop in the town and surrounding district, during which 31 men suspected of terrorism were arrested. Many of them were found to be in possession of arms, ammunition and sabotage material. Three of the detained are Israeli Arabs.

Itim reports that the four were injured after a grenade was hurled at an army patrol which had arrived in nearby Inbus to carry out arrests. A short clash ensued. There were no Israel casualties.

Many of the detained are suspected of having executed grenade attacks on civilian and army vehicles in the area over the past few months, including an attack on an Egged bus carrying schoolgirls from Jerusalem to Nablus.

Shortly after the arrests, the Military Authorities in the town invited local notables to hear the testimony of several of the detained. Two of the men described in detail how they had thrown a grenade at an army vehicle in the centre of the town.

Security forces demolished two empty houses in Nablus yesterday. An army spokesman said that the houses were being used by terrorists as hideouts.

The Military Governor of this town, Sgan-Aluf Shaul Givoli, has ordered removal of the barriers set up at the entrance to the town's old market. The iron gates were built to seal off the area following last month's wave of terrorism in the town. Sgan-Aluf Givoli decided to order the gates be taken down following an appeal by the Municipal Council.

The Army Spokesman announced yesterday that two terrorists who had infiltrated from Jordan several days ago were captured by an army patrol in the Har Ha'Negev region. One of the terrorists was slightly wounded in a clash with the patrol. There were no Israel casualties. Personal weapons were found near the scene.

In Jenin about a hundred persons were arrested for questioning in connection with the grenade attack on the labour exchange in the town on Monday night. By last night, all but five were released.

A former Gaza high-school teacher, Abdulla Abu el-Atah, 35, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment by a military court in that town yesterday. He was convicted of membership of a terrorist organisation, the Popular Front, recruiting others and printing and distributing subversive pamphlets. He was arrested early in 1970 in the Jebeliyeh camp with a pistol and grenade in his possession.

A 22-year-old school teacher from Taylbe was yesterday sentenced by the Lod military court to two years' imprisonment for being a member of a terrorist organization. The prisoner, Yusef Muhammed Aazm, was also convicted of encouraging youngsters to join the Fatah cell in the village.

Meanwhile, reports reaching Jerusalem from Amman said that Jordanian authorities had recently set up a special camp for saboteurs deported to Jordan by the Israelis.

Parents boycott school where 'just a bit of plaster fell'

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The parents association of the Masada School for Retarded children here have decided not to let their children attend classes until the Municipality agrees to provide a safe building for the school.

This follows several instances in which peeling plaster, bits of stone and concrete from the decrepit building had fallen on children's heads. The four-year-old school is located in an abandoned Arab building near North Tel Aviv's most exclusive neighbourhood — Shchunat Hatzameret.

The parents had opposed the location from the outset, but had been told by the Municipality that the arrangement was "merely temporary."

One of the parents told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that, despite several pleas to change the site, nothing had been done, and that "we gradually became aware that the temporary arrangement had become a permanent solution."

The parents further claim that the renovations which had been carried out were "pure camouflage." Cracks had been covered up with paint instead of being filled in, they claimed.

According to Mr. Baruch Avivi, Director of the Municipal Education Department, the children are perfectly safe. "All that has happened is that a bit of plaster has chipped off the walls," he said. He intends to take the parents to the school today, together with a building engineer to assure them that the building, although decrepit, is safe.

Mr. Avivi also considers the pupils better off than other disabled children. "At least they are in a brick building and not in a wooden hut" he said.

Worried parents gather outside the Masada School for Disabled Children in Tel Aviv yesterday after deciding to keep their children at home. The parents say the building is unsafe. (Hetz photo)

Arab airline buys El Al's kasher food

LOD AIRPORT. — The El Al kasher kitchen in London has been substantially expanded to meet the growing demand of the Israel airline as well as other lines. Yesterday a group of El Al officials flew to London to take part in the inauguration of the new facilities.

Among the airlines which avail themselves of El Al's kasher cuisine in London is the Middle East Airlines. Apparently some of this Arab company's Moslem passengers who do not eat pork prefer to order kasher food so as to ensure that they will not be served the forbidden meat. Middle East Airlines does not buy the kasher food from El Al directly, but through the agency of a third party. (Itim)

Canada-Israel air pact signed

A civil aviation agreement between Israel and Canada went into effect yesterday, when it was signed in Ottawa by Foreign Minister Mitchell Sharp and Israel Ambassador Ephraim Evron.

El Al will start flying four flights a week between Lod and Montreal at the end of next month, according to the spokesman, and Canadian Pacific will inaugurate its Montreal-Lod flight at the beginning of April. It will also have four flights a week.

Menuhin likes the Khan

LOD AIRPORT. — "A wonderful experience" was Yehudi Menuhin's summary of his concert tour of Israel. The violinist left from Lod Airport yesterday.

He said that he had particularly enjoyed playing at the Jerusalem Khan. "This is an exceptionally good small hall," he said. *(Itim)*

'Red Cross' trucks turn back at Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ALLENBY BRIDGE. — Three truckloads of food sent "to detainees' families" in Gaza by the "Palestinian Red Crescent" in Amman remained on the East Bank yesterday. The trucks, escorted by several newsmen and photographers, stopped on the Jordanian side of Allenby Bridge and made no attempt to approach the span.

Israel officials had emphasized earlier in the day to the International Red Cross that contributions to the administered areas could be accepted only through that body's auspices. They would be sent to Red Cross stores and distributed in accordance with the usual rules. The "Palestine Red Cross" is recognized neither by the International Red Cross nor by Israel. Jordan has its own Red Cross Society which does enjoy recognition.

The trucks, prominently displaying the symbol of the "Palestinian Red Crescent," turned about and went back, even before the Israel terms were put to them directly. It seemed that they had been asked to leave by Jordanian officials who were seen clearing the area.

Border Police officer on charge

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Proceedings are to be taken against an officer and a constable of the Border Police for alleged offences against civilians in Gaza during the recent counter-terrorist operations there.

Five complaints were lodged by Gaza residents but only two were found to be based on facts, the police spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The officer has been charged with striking a taxi driver. Preliminary investigation has shown that the driver was impudent to the officer, the spokesman said. The constable is charged with unnecessarily striking a car belonging to a local citizen with the butt of his rifle.

Curfew lifted

ASHKELON. — The curfew imposed on the stretch of main road from Gaza town to the north of the Strip six weeks ago was lifted yesterday. All shops in the north of the city were reopened.

The curfew was clamped down following the grenade attack on the Arroyo family in which two children were killed and their mother badly wounded. Two weeks ago the curfew was lifted for local vehicles, but shops remained shut and pedestrians were still prohibited. Now the curfew has been raised completely, leaving only the Sedjaiyeh quarter of Gaza and the road leading to the Nahal Oz checkpoint still under curfew. *(Itim)*

Solel Boneh 21% busier

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Solel Boneh has orders worth IL680m. — 21 per cent over the previous year's figure, Mr. Zvi Rechter, general manager of the Histadrut building company, told Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, who visited Solel Boneh offices here yesterday. Present contracts will keep the company busy until the middle of next year. Contractual operations in foreign countries approximate $100m. while the company has planned operational capacity of $45m. a year.

Among the 16,000 building workers in Solel Boneh employ, 3,600 come from the administered territories. In the past three years, Mr. Ben-Aharon was told, not one Jewish building worker has been engaged through the labour exchange.

Mr. Mordechai Amster, secretary of the Building Workers Union, who is also a member of the Solel Boneh executive, said the Government could have helped the building trade if it had insisted on more standardization. Mr. Ben-Aharon said the Histadrut was willing to press the Government in that respect.

Zvi Tsur returns

LOD AIRPORT. — The Special Assistant to the Minister of Defence, Rav-Aluf (Res.) Zvi Tsur, returned yesterday from a trip to the U.S. and Singapore. *(Itim)*

Town Clerk accused of embezzlement

AFULA. — The Town Clerk of Beisan, Eli Rokach, 29, was arrested on Wednesday night on suspicion of having embezzled Council funds and donations from abroad. The police claim he helped himself to IL33,000, but had returned most of it. He will be brought to court today for a remand order.

Non-shop sold to number of clients

TEL AVIV. — A man who sold the same non-existent shop to an as yet undetermined number of people was remanded in custody for 15 days by the Magistrates Court here yesterday.

The police prosecutor charged that Pinhas Folk, 52, an assistant sales manager with the Kikar Lewinsky Company, which is responsible for building the new central bus terminal here, used inside knowledge to extort "thousands of pounds" from unsuspecting clients. Folk, it is alleged, told clients that he had "just the right" shop for them in the "best section of the new terminal." He demanded advances and issued company receipts, it is claimed. He also offered several of his victims "partnerships," and duly gave them a cheque drawn on an American bank. The cheque was allegedly forged, as were the receipts and the company's rubber stamp on them.

Nazareth's NRP lowers its demand

AFULA. — Nazareth's United Party List, affiliated with the N.R.P. which won two seats in the December 8 elections to the 17-man Municipal Council, has now voted to join a coalition with the Labour lists (which hold together seven seats) under the latter's No. 2 man, the present Mayor Moussa Kteily.

The price for this support would be two deputy mayoralties, one unpaid, but endowed with full administrative authority, for the founder and head of the list, Yacoub Salem, the other paid, for his No. 2 man, Salem Masawi.

Hitherto, the United Party had insisted that Yacoub Salem be Mayor. It is now up to the Labour factions to consider the compromise offer.

Charged with inducing to murder creditor

TEL AVIV. — A 30-year-old female invalid from Bnei Brak was charged in the District Court here yesterday with trying to induce a young man to killing her creditor.

According to the prosecution, the accused, Sonia Kaplan, had told a young man from Lod, Yehia Mussa Sa'aki, that she would give him IL1,000 to kill Mrs. Jenia Shean, of Ramat Gan. She allegedly also told him that Mrs. Shean had a "whole lot of hidden treasure in her house," which he could keep after he had killed her. The reason she wanted Mrs. Shean out of the way was, apparently, because she owed her IL920 which she could not pay.

Mr. Sa'aki put her off, by saying that he had to go and "consult his partner." He spoke to the police instead, who sent in an investigator in the guise of the partner. After hearing the woman for himself, the policeman decided to file a charge. The prosecutor has requested that the accused be sent for a psychiatric examination. No date for the hearing was set.

Mordechai Penn MDA leader, dies

TEL AVIV. — The death occurred early yesterday morning of Mordechai Penn, 64, who served as Director of Magen David Adom from 1936 to 1967. He died at Tel Hashomer hospital after a prolonged illness.

Born in Bialstok, Penn came to this country as a child. He joined Magen David Adom in 1935.

He is survived by his wife, Malka, and two daughters, Mrs. Dalia Lerner, the actress, and Rina Penn.

The cortege will leave M.D.A. headquarters in Yad Eliahu at ten o'clock this morning for the Holon cemetery.

H.U. centre in foreign languages

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Staff for the new Hebrew University Centre for Overseas Students will probably include a number of Israel academics who have been living abroad, University President Avraham Harman said yesterday.

Mr. Harman told the press that the centre will provide foreign students with two years of studies in English and Spanish before their incorporation into the regular university Hebrew-language programme.

The university is now searching for a placement officer to assist graduates in finding employment, he said. Mr. Harman urged that guidance be provided to secondary-school students and their parents as to areas of activity which offer greatest opportunity for employment after university graduation.

Vatican 'doesn't sell' assets here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Vicar-General of the Latin Patriarchate said yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court that the general policy of the Roman Catholic church was not to sell any of its property in the "Holy Land."

Bishop Hanna Kaldany was testifying in a court action arising from the Holy See's attempt to annul the sale of Notre Dame hostel in Jerusalem to a subsidiary of the Jewish National Fund.

While there were exceptions to the no-sale rule, Bishop Kaldany said, Notre Dame was not considered as one by the Patriarchate since it held especial importance by virtue of its location near the Holy Sepulchre.

The Vicar-General conceded that the massive building had ceased to function as a regular hostel for pilgrims and that it was staffed by an average of only four monks.

Local teams do well at Bridge tourney

Jerusalem Post Bridge Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Israel players continued to make a strong showing at the sixth Israel Bridge Festival, currently under way at the Sheraton Hotel. Teams from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Savyon and Herzliya all placed among the top eight qualifiers in the four sections of the team-of-four event, which was to conclude last night.

Section A: 1. Duchovny, Kapusta, Dr. Josman, Ben Nahum, Tel Aviv 78; 2. Grossberg, Tihany, Gilinsky, Regal, Jerusalem 70.

Section B: 1. Brechner, Rich, Moscona, Ilan, Tel Aviv, U.S. 74; 2. Shabi, Selton, Mr. & Mrs. Hope, Tel Aviv, Herzliya, 72.

Section C: 1. Stampf, Dr. Krakowsky, Dr. Lukacs, Zellgman, Tel Aviv, 77; 2. Mrs. Jacobson, Mrs. Goslar, Goslar, Traub, South Africa, 74.

Section D: 1. Gouraeu, Zadouros, Dr. Pariente, G. Ohana, France, 74; 2. Lever, Stopper, Traub, Libinsky, Savyon, 64.

This sign posted by the Chief Rabbinate on the Jericho Road in Jerusalem warns Cohanim (descendants of the priestly clan) that travel on the road is forbidden to them since it lies within the bounds of the Mount of Olives Cemetery. The Ministry for Religious Affairs spokesman explained that the road was built by the Jordanians over scores of Jewish graves and that human remains lie beneath the roadway. It is forbidden to Cohanim to pass over graves. The only way for an observing Cohen to get to Jericho is by a detour behind the Intercontinental Hotel.

Kinneret 'to stay healthy'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Kinneret is a "health lake" today, full of sweet water — and it is going to stay that way. We are not going to let it become a running sore and sewer like most of the streams in Israel. This was stated yesterday by Mr. Menahem Kantor, the Water Commissioner, at a press conference at Beit Sokolow

He added that the Ministry of Agriculture, to which his office is attached, has already drawn up a Bill to prevent the pollution of the water sources, which would be submitted soon to the Government. This year, he said, the State would spend some IL30m. regulating the disposal of sewerage; during the present decade, the total sum would reach an estimated IL350m.

Additional details were given by Dr. Colette Tsuriya, action director of the Kinneret limnological laboratory, part of the Oceanographic and Limnologic Research Company, a joint undertaking of the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Development.

Dr. Tsuriya described the "process of pollution" which turned a fresh body of water into one choked with dead fish and poisonous algae. The first stage was an overabundance of nitrogen and phosphorous, washed into the lake from the peat fields in the Hula; from sewage from Tiberias and other towns and settlements, and from fertilizers washed into the water by rain. Gradually, the "microscopic" algae, excellent food for fish, increased until they upset the ecological balance in the Lake. The algae begin to die, releasing quantities of oxygen, thus further upsetting the balance. The "microscopic" algae are replaced by filamentous algae, often of a poisonous blue variety two and three metres long. The fish die, and the lake is polluted.

It was stressed that if the proper steps were taken immediately the lake would remain a body of healthy, fresh water.

Last Friday night, over Israel Television, Dr. Tsuriya said that the "gradual process" she talked about yesterday, was well advanced in the Kinneret, and warned that "soon its waters would be unfit for human consumption."

Electric Company claims pollution is reduced

TEL AVIV. — The managing director of the Israel Electric Corporation, Mr. Ya'acov Khoushy, yesterday told Municipal Councillors touring the Reading IV power station that air pollution in the city has actually decreased since the old Reading I station was closed down last month. He predicted a much sharper drop in pollution when the Reading II station is also turned off, and the new Reading IV starts operation at full force.

Mr. Khoushy's information was based on data collected at nine air pollution tracking stations operated by the Electric Corporation around town. Thus far the Electric Corporation maintains that the degree of pollution has not exceeded the limits fixed by the Ministry of Health.

Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz replied that the Municipality will continue to demand that the Electric Corporation take rigorous precautions against polluting the city's air. None the less, he admitted that some pollution is inevitable with industrial growth. "Still, with all the fears that surrounded the construction of the Reading station and its giant chimney the fact remains that 90 to 95 per cent of the noxious gases in our air are emitted by vehicles."

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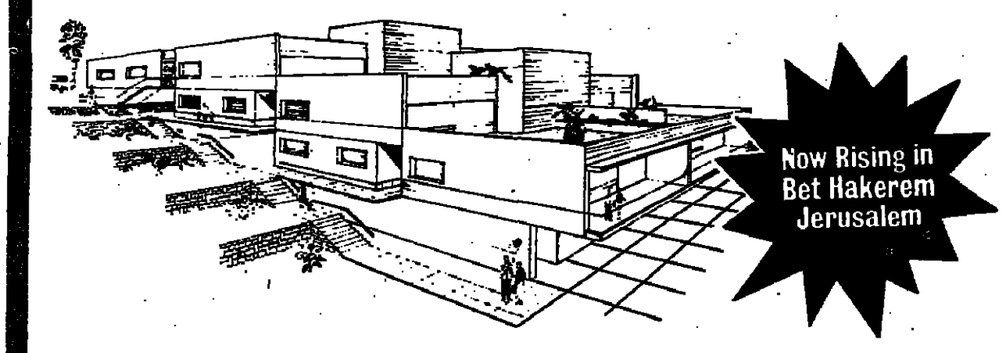

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Feigin 'happy to be home'

Grisha Feigin warmly greeted by relatives on his arrival at Lod Airport last night.

LOD AIRPORT. — *Grisha Feigin,* the Soviet war hero and Zionist activist, finally arrived in Israel last night. He fell weeping on the neck of his sister, Hava, who has been living in Acre for the past seven years. He embraced her for a long time, and then turned to onlookers and said, "Thank God I have reached Israel."

Wearing a blue-grey suit, the former Soviet army major obviously did not expect the large number of people, including many newsmen and television men, who turned out to welcome him. He spoke to them in Russian, saying: "I am happy to be a Jew; I am happy to be living in a period of Jewish national revival; and I am happy that I have come back to my people's historic homeland.

"But my happiness today is marred by the fact that several of my friends who never acted against the Soviet regime are imprisoned in the Soviet Union because of desire to live as Jews... Let me pass on to you the warm greetings of your brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union," he concluded.

At first, Mr. Feigin refused to answer journalists' questions, but they pressed him to relate his experiences in Riga when he was sent to a mental hospital because he returned his war decorations and renounced his Soviet citizenship.

Three white-coated men appeared at his door one afternoon and asked him to come with them, he said. He refused, and they took him by force. As he was being pushed into their car, neighbours crowded round, wanting to intervene, but they were pushed aside.

After four days in the hospital, he went on, a panel of psychiatrists came from Moscow to examine him. They diagnosed that he was suffering from a split personality since he "wrote in a lunatic style and slandered the Government."

After three weeks in the hospital, he was examined by a famous Moscow professor of psychiatry who decided that he was sane, and overruled the other diagnosis. He was then discharged.

Among the people who welcomed Mr. Feigin at the airport was Pesach Ben-Artzi, of Kibbutz Baram, with whom he has been in correspondence. Feigin was finally able to accept Baram's offer of hospitality (the Lebanese border kibbutz had written to the Soviet authorities, offering to accommodate the "sick" major and pay his medical expenses) — he went with Ben-Artzi to spend his first night in Israel at the kibbutz.

Defector free; captain jailed

MOSCOW, (AP) — Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian sailor who was refused political asylum in America after he jumped aboard a U.S. Coast Guard cutter last November, is alive and well and living in a new apartment, reliable Soviet sources reported yesterday.

But the commander of the Russian ship, Vladimir Popov, has been court-martialed and is in a Soviet labour camp, these informants said.

News of Kudirka's situation came as a surprise to most Westerners here. They had expected Russian authorities to punish the would-be defector severely. He was reported living in the port city of Kalipeda, Soviet Lithuania, facing no threat of prosecution, though the informants felt this was only temporary and that he would be arrested later.

The sources were unable to determine what Popov had been charged with, but said it seemed apparent he was court-martialed for failing to prevent the attempted defection.

U.S. PLANS MOVES ON RIGERMANS

WASHINGTON (INA). — The State Department said yesterday that it would make further representations very soon to the Soviet Union on a "very high level" on behalf of Leonid Rigerman, a Soviet Jew, and his American-born mother who are trying to secure exit visas to come to the U.S.

Call in N.R.P. for Warhaftig to resign

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A call for the resignation of Dr. Zerah Warhaftig from the Ministry of Religious Affairs was raised at the National Religious Party Central Committee last night.

The mover was Mr. Moshe Ishon of the younger leadership, whose motion earned the vocal support of the youth circles. He deplored the fact that Dr. Warhaftig had failed in the past four years to produce a new election law for the Chief Rabbinate. Mr. Ishon noted that the two incumbents remained in office by virtue of the automaic extension of the old law two years ago, when the Minister pleaded he still needed time to draft a bill.

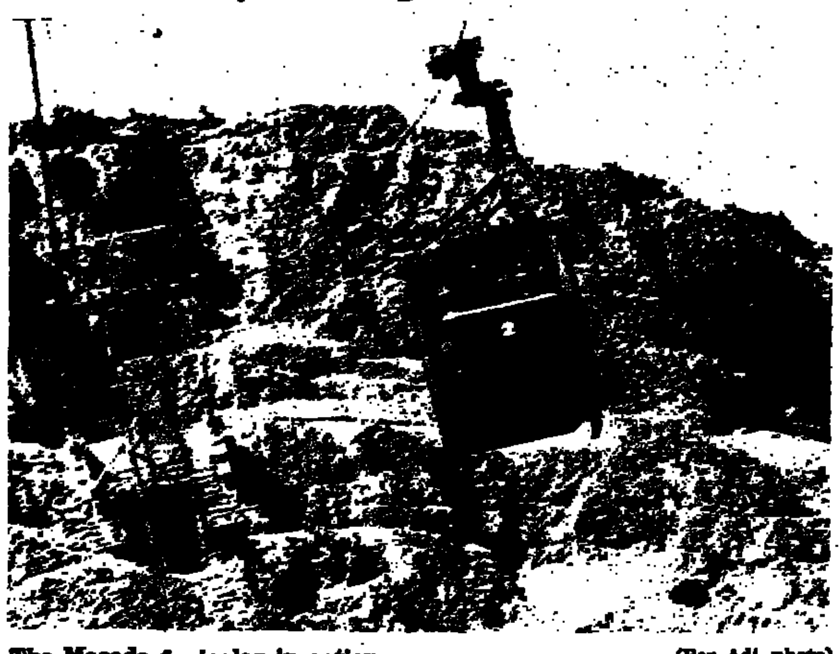
He further claimed that Dr. Warhaftig "neglected his Ministry, preferring to busy himself with foreign and security affairs. He should be found another place in the Government so that his successor could really devote himself to the Ministry." The party would lose in the end because of its loss of credibility among its own voters, he charged.

Dr. Warhaftig, defending himself, said he had indeed been working for two years on the new law, "but the rabbis have not been very helpful."

He promised to submit a new law in the Knesset "very soon," and that new elections would be held next year.

The younger leadership and the youth circles (controlling 30 per cent of the Committee), moved that elections be held this year on the basis of the old law, and it was agreed that their motion be put to the party National Executive Council due to meet on March 5.

Cableway inaugurated



The Masada funicular in action. (Ben-Adi photo)

Up Masada in 3 min.

By H. BEN-ADI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

SODOM. — The Masada cableway was formally inaugurated yesterday in the presence of Prof. Yigal Yadin, unraveller of the secrets of the mountain fortress, and Mr. Arnold Kagan, of New York, who, with his partner, Mr. Nathan Cohen, put up 40 per cent of the investment in the cableway project. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek was also on hand for the opening, as was Mr. Ya'acov Yanai, Head of the National Parks Authority.

Prof. Yadin pointed out that the 850-metre-long cable, up the Dead Sea side, stops some 30 metres short of the summit, so that visitors still "get the feeling of approaching the summit on foot." The ascent takes some three minutes and a return ticket costs IL4 (IL3 for soldiers and children). There are two cable-cars, painted yellow and red, each holding 40 persons.

The cableway cost IL2m., of which 60 per cent came from Government loans. It was built by the Swiss firm of Brendli.

Mrs. Yadin told *The Jerusalem Post* that Mrs. Miriam Sacher, of London, who contributed a substantial sum towards the restoration of Masada, has never seen the fortress herself as the ascent on foot was too difficult for her. She has written to Prof. Yadin expressing her joy on hearing of the cableway.

As guests at the opening took their first ride up the mountain in the cable-cars, a long snake of young people was seen below them, still insisting on doing it the hard way.

Mt. of Olives may get monorail

Jerusalem Post Staff

A plan to build a monorail connecting the hilltops on the eastern edge of Jerusalem is being studied by the East Jerusalem Development Corporation.

A Municipality spokesman said that the envisaged monorail, if built, would probably have stations at Mount Scopus, Augusta-Victoria, the Mount of Olives, Abu-Tor and perhaps, Mount Zion. It might conceivably extend to the Hebrew University camps at Givat Ram too, thus linking the two sections of the University.

The main problems facing the planners — apart from finance — are aesthetic — in particular the effect on the Jerusalem skyline of the pillars necessary to support the monorail.

Hadassah urged to encourage youth visits

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol told Hadassah leaders yesterday that more had to be done to encourage young people from the U.S. to visit Israel. Mr. Kol, addressing delegates to the organization's Mid-Winter conference, revealed that negotations were currently under way with El Al to negotiate the possibility of chartered flights for students from the U.S., and said that his Ministry was establishing a "youth office" in New York to advise and encourage youngsters to visit Israel. He asked the Zionist leaders to do all in their power to help in the effort to send more tourists here, and suggested that this could best be achieved by organizing summer camps and study courses to the country.

Holon dustmen still on strike

HOLON. — Sanitation workers in Holon continued their strike into its fourth day yesterday, although the local labour council has refused to endorse it. A meeting between the Tel Aviv Municipality's labour relations officer and the two sides reportedly broke up in deadlock.

Holon Municipality agrees to the workers' demand that their earnings be brought into line with those of their Tel Aviv counterparts, but insists also that the same norms as in Tel Aviv should apply to the Holon men. But the workers reportedly reject this. *(Itim).*

Milanese whip T.A. Hapoel V

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Simmental, of Milan crushed Tel Aviv Hapoel 105—80 in the second leg of their European Cup Winners Cup at Na'aman last night. Two thousand fans turned up to watch the match even though it was televised live from the stadium.

Tel Aviv put on one of their worst performance of the season, and never looked like winning the leg, let alone wiping out their 33 point deficit from the first leg in Milan last week.

Simmental, on the other hand, were in sparkling form and could have beaten any Israel team, including the national five.

The match was virtually over by the twelfth minute when the visitors were leading 41—17.

Barumatti was the top scorer for the visitors, with 21 points. Kenney netted 18. For Hapoel, Tornshein scored 24 and Lishinsky 18.

Actress robbed

TEL AVIV. — Miss Miriam Bernstein-Cohen, the actress, became the latest victim of the Tel Aviv area purse-snatchers yesterday. A young man drove his car alongside her as she walked down Rehov Bilu close to midnight on Wednesday and grabbed her handbag. It contained IL25. *(Itim)*

Meat price cut

by 20 ag. per kg. wholesale

TEL AVIV. — Newsmen here were summoned at short notice to the office of the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday for a press conference, to be met in person by the Director-General of that Ministry, as well as the Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The two Directors-General, Mr. Avraham Brum and Mr. Gideon Lahav, rose to announce to the expectant pressmen that meat will be cheaper as of today. The reference, however, was only to beef imported from Ireland. From today is will cost the wholesaler 20 agorot less for a kilo. Neither Director-General knew if the cut would affect retail prices.

The wholesale price of the Irish meat will now be IL4.65 a kilo. The cut is due to the fact that the quality of the beef failed to meet expectations. It is still of better quality than the South American, which costs IL4.50 wholesale, but the amounts of fat and bones in it has been higher than was expected.

It was also stated that the plan to increase the supplies of broilers and turkey meat is going ahead. Some 6,000 tons of broilers are now supplied to the market monthly, and this is expected to increase gradually to 7,000 tons in May. The present 1,500 tons of turkey a month would be increased in the same period to 2,000 tons.

Foot-and-mouth serum suspect

BEIT DAGON. — Foot-and-mouth disease serum imported from abroad seems to have caused some scattered outbreaks of the disease in Israel this week. The serum has been in use here for the past five years, but it appears that the latest consignment was too powerful because of a mistake in its manufacture.

The moshav of Avigdor reported that a herd of its goats have been stricken and there have been reports of individual cases from other farms. Veterinary authorities fear that the disease may spread.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

WORKERS IN THE SOUTH have been granted an additional income tax reduction on wage benefits. In future the first IL50 of the Arava allowance will be tax free, as opposed to only IL30 in the past.

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A SAFE containing IL12,000 in cash was stolen from the Beit Hakerem supermarket in Jerusalem late on Wednesday night. The safe was found, empty, in the Jerusalem forest yesterday morning.

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A PASSENGER who ran across a railway line in Haifa recently was fined IL40 by the Haifa Magistrate yesterday. The man crossed the line at the Haifa station despite warnings that two trains were approaching.

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A FIVE-WEEK seminar for women members of kibbutzim wishing to convert to Judaism ended in Tel Aviv yesterday. The seminar was conducted by Rabbi Zeev Gothelf, under the auspices of the Ministry for Religious Affairs.

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TURKISH TECHNICIANS flew into Lod on Tuesday night to repair the wing of a Turkish plane which was hit by an El Al bus. "Itim" incorrectly reported on Tuesday night that it was El Al's own technicians who repaired the damaged plane.

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THE NEW DAILY rates of building workers range from IL17.51 to IL31.66, the Building Workers Union announced yesterday. The rates include the cost-of-living allowance and the two per cent wage increase stipulated by the "package deal."

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AN APPEAL to ban the showing of the nude revue "Kfotz" in Tiberias was issued yesterday by that city's Council for the Protection of the Sanctity of Israel.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, local rain possible.
Outlook for Saturday: Probability of rain.
Weather synopsis: Trough from the Red Sea to east Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's humidity	Yesterday's temperature	Today's temp.
Jerusalem	90	5—8	12
Golan	67	2—7	7
Nahariya	55	8—16	—
Safad	71	3—7	9
Haifa	52	12—15	18
Tiberias	65	7—17	18
Nazareth	—	7—	—
Afula	57	7—17	17
Beisan	—	—	14
Shomron	74	7—11	13
Tel Aviv	61	10—15	17
Lod	57	10—16	17
Jericho	55	10—21	20
Gaza	64	8—17	18
Beersheba	54	6—14	17
Eilat	28	9—21	21
Tiran	48	7—21	21

ARRIVALS

Professor Albert Sabin, from a meeting in London of the Weizmann Institute's Executive Council. Mr. Harry Frankel, a Governor of the Weizmann Institute, on a visit.

Prof. H. Pines, of Northwestern University, Chicago, an authority on heterogeneous catalysts, as visiting professor for six months at Bar-Ilan University, with Mrs. Pines.

DEPARTURES

Prof. Ruth Lapidot, of the Hebrew University, to Paris to deliver a series of university lectures.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL100,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 307016 and No. 730693. Number 743771 won IL30,000 and numbers 017638 and 313512 won IL10,000. Tickets 047020, 473227, 583443 and 795116 won IL5,000. Tickets ending in 2 won IL3.

The following won IL1,000: 191[...] 348883 550038 789262 190803 302[...] 534571 686473 190651 264360 296[...] 680018 168653 202636 435467 667[...] 111108 201133 389168 and 559[...]

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Naphtha up to 54

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Reports that the authorities have decided to buy up a huge block of Naphtha stock, held by foreign investors, at IL[...] a share, had its repercussions on the stock market. A huge demand — for 96,800 — caused the stock to jump 3.5 points in the opening round and by one in the variables, to close at 54. Lapidot Registered (13,500) also rose, by 2.5 points, to stand at 72.5.

Reports that Bank Leumi would have a very favourable balance sheet caused its price to rise, and this set off a minor chain reaction in the variables.

Bank Leumi (17,000) rose by 0.5 and then by two, closing at 256.5; Otzar Hityashvut (1,000) rose by two and five, closing at 200; Binyan (900 only) remained firm in the first round, but gained two in the variables to close at 100.5; ILDC Bearer (190 only) also remained firm in the first round, but rose by 2.5 in the variables, closing at 83; Ata C (4,500) gained 0.5 and 1.5, closing at 95.5.

Offers to sell were generally small, and price drops small.

The general index of share prices advanced by 0.45 per cent to stand at 121.91.

The turnover in stocks was IL398,400; of which IL191,600, almost half, was in the variables. Dollar-linked bonds fell; index-linked were irregular. The investment dollar fell by one agora to IL4.11 after $58,000 was offered and some $28,000 traded.

The black market dollar was IL3.79-80.

	10/11	11/2
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR		
5% Dead Sea Junior	114.5	114
5% Electric Corp. Tranche A	204.9	204
6% Electric Corp. Tranche B	128.9	128
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Capital & Investment)		
Absorption and Compulsory 1965	137.8	137
Defence Loan 1968-41	104	104
SHARES		
Electric Corp. — O.	56	55
Union Bank of Israel — O.	115	114
Otzar Hit. Hayehudim — O.S.	193	195
I.D.B. Co. — O.	107	107
Gen. Mort. Bank — O.	179	179
Pal.-British Bank — O.	152.5	152
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	218.5	218
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	129.5	129
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	115.5	115
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	254	254
Mg. & In. Bk. for Bldg.—"D" O.	96.5	[illegible]
Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	198	198
Industrial Dev. Bk. — 8% P.O.	88	[illegible]
Develop. & Mort. Bank — O.T.	179	179
Housing Mort. Bank — O.	127.5	127
G.U.S.-Rassco — O.	76	[illegible]
Isr. Cent. Tr. & Inv.	104	104
Hassneh Ins. Co. — O.	111.5	111
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL1	84.5	84
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. I"10	41.5	42
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	140	139.5
Tefahot Isr. Mortg. Bank — O.	138.5	138.5
Sahar — "C" O.	94	95.5
Azorim — O.	90	91
Africa-Pal. Investment—O. IL10	118.5	118
Israel Land Dev. Co.—O. Reg.	80.5	80.5
Isr. Land Dev. Co.—60/61 O.T.	80.5	80.5
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant — O.	64	64
Property & Build. Corp. O.	106	106
Mehadrin	118	119
Pri Or Ltd.	136	135
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	87.5	[illegible]
Rassco — 8% P.O.T.	40	40
Rassco — O	28.5	[illegible]
Isras	60	[illegible]
Neot Aviv — O.	38.5	[illegible]
Alliance — B.T.	690	[illegible]
"Elco" Isr. E.L.-Mech In.—O.T.	90	[illegible]
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	91.5	[illegible]
"Ata" — "C" O.	93.5	94
Motor House — O.	51	[illegible]
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	139	[illegible]
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co.—O. IL10	86	[illegible]
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	104.5	[illegible]
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	94	[illegible]
Lighterage Supply Co. — O.	70	[illegible]
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	35.5	[illegible]
Lewin Epstein — 8% P.O.T.	63	[illegible]
Moller Textile — O.	115	[illegible]
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	109.5	[illegible]
Teva — O.T.	379	[illegible]
Phonecia 8% P.O.T.	68.5	[illegible]
Paper Mills — O.	146	[illegible]
Assis "B" — O.	190	[illegible]
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	76	[illegible]
"Taal" Man. of Plywood — O.	131.5	[illegible]
Delek "C" — O.	107	[illegible]
Elgar — O.	54.5	[illegible]
Ellern Invest. Co. — O.	120.5	[illegible]
Bank Hapoalim Inv. — O.	112	[illegible]
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	89	[illegible]
Paz Investment Develop. — O.	68.5	[illegible]
Ampa Investment — O.	73	[illegible]
Discount Bk. Inv. Cor. — O.T.	140	[illegible]
Japhet Bank Invest. Cor. — O.	82	[illegible]
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	161.5	[illegible]
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O	44.5	[illegible]
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	112	[illegible]
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. Co. — O.	46	[illegible]
"Piryon" Inv. Trust — "B" Sh.	50	[illegible]
Clal Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	94	[illegible]
Naphtha — O.T.	48	[illegible]
Lapidoth — O.	70	[illegible]

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WALL STREET

Closing Thursday, Feb. 11, 1971

Good showing despite some dumping

Trading yesterday was slower than in recent sessions. But the market performed well, despite this and some apparent portfolio lightening.

The Securities and Exchange Commission told the N.Y. Stock Exchange to implement by April 1 a system of negotiated commissions on large institutional trades.

The market showed internal strength by holding up under some pre-week-end evening up.

Number of shares traded amounted to 19,250,000 as advancing issues outpaced those declining 894 to 531.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 4.24 points, closing at 885.33.

Alcoa	64¾	Gen. Elec.	104⅛	Otis Elev.	42⅝
Amer. Can	41½	G. Fs. Corp.	83⅜	Pac. Petr.	30⅝
Amer. Mot.	7½	Gen. Instr.	22	Panam WA.	15⅝
Ampex	20⅝	Gen. Mot.	82¼	Penn-Centrl.	7¼
Amer.R & D	53⅝	Gillette	48	Pennzoil Un.	30⅝
Amer. T & T	52⅛	Glen Alden	9⅛	Phil. Petro.	32¼
Anaconda	22¼	W.R. Grace	34⅝	Polaroid	87
Avco	15⅜	G. W. Fin.	24¼	Raytheon C.	35⅝
Beth. Stl.	22⅝	Homest. Min	26¼	RCA	32⅞
Boeing Co.	24	IBM	338⅜	Reynolds T.	57
Bourns Inc.	14¾	Int. Paper	35⅞	Sears Roe	81¼
Brunswick	23¼	Int. T & T	56⅞	Solit. Dev.	16⅛
Borroughs	125¼	Itek Corp.	35⅞	Sperry Rnd.	32¼
Celanese	69⅞	Lilly & Co.	112½	Stonj	31⅞
Chrysler	28⅞	Ling T. Vght	14	Syntex	45¼
Coca-Cola	—	Litton Ind.	29⅞	Teledyne	25¼
Comsat	58½	Loew's	39¼	Telex Corp.	17
Cont. Data	60⅝	Marcor	35¼	Texas Instr.	88
Ct. Wright	13⅜	Mc Crory	21¼	Time Inc.	48⅝
Dow Chem	83⅝	McCul. Oil	48	Transwalr	17⅞
Dupont	142	McDon-D	34	U.N.Carbide.	44⅛
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Ekodak	77¼	Minn. MM	102½	US Steel	33⅜
Fair Cain.	32	Monsan.	40	Westg. El.	76½
Fair Hill.	13	Motorola	61⅝	Witco Chem	27¼
Fd.Nt. Mrtg.	67⅞	Murphy Ind.	18⅝	Woolworth	45¼
1st Ch. Fin.	44	Natomas	62¼	Xerox Co.	95⅝
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